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The Legacy of Walnut Hill

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Welcome to the Walnut Hill Legacy

We have a rich history we will share as you read this book. We will look at the past and the all-time greats that left their mark on the history of Walnut Hill: the masters of rifle shooting and pistol shooting. They generated the spirit of the Hill through competitive shooting. What they built and shot was a challenge. They were the distinguished shooters of the Hill. They came from all over the country to shoot at Walnut Hill. We have Harry Pope, the greatest barrel maker of his time and a master rifle shooter. We have Niedner, an all-time great, a master rifle shooter, and one of the top gunsmiths of his time who chased Geronamo all over the southwest in the 6th Calvary. Then there is Dr. Mann, the father of ballistics, who in 1909 published *The Bullet's Flight* in his quest for the magic bullet and the magic barrel for the perfect score with the perfect rifle. He was a medical doctor and gave up his practice for his quest in ballistics. Then there are D. L. F. Chase, Ned Roberts, Horace Warner, H. V. Perry, Norman Brockway, C. W. Rowland, H. L. Willard, E. A. Leopold, W. V. Lowe, the Russell brothers, Arthur Corbin Gould, N. C. Nash, O. E. Gerrish, John Kelley, Will Hayes, Dr. W. G. Hudson, the great offhand shot Adolph Strecker, Dr. Bakery, L. P. Hansen, Young, Mr. Fry, Daniel Fox, Major Hindman, and Professor Bell. All are the masters of the rifle. The masters of pistol are C. Paine, Tom Anderton, Eugene Patridge, and Dorothy Knight at Walnut Hill. The riflemen of the Hill, having looked at the American militia team's defeat at Creedmoor, decided to do something about it, so they trained a militia rifle team. Some were members of Walnut Hill and knew the game of long range shooting, and were sent to Creedmoor where they won every event entered. The Walnut Hill riflemen were men of stature: doctors, engineers, and masters of their trade. They were men that enjoyed the shooting sport and did all they could to preserve it for the future generations to come. They shot off hand at ranges of 600, 800, 900, and 1000 yards, holding the finest rifles of their day. H. Pope was the father of the gane twist rifle barrel. Pope and Niedner made barrels for Dr. Mann. We will cover the history of the Dr. Mann barrels in this series of books. The chase rifles-H. Pope and Niedner experimental rifle-we have, in the Museum. The M.R.A. is a time machine; we can travel back and meet the visionaries of their time to understand the myth and legends of the Walnut Hill riflemen, for the men and women that have walked through the doors of M.R.A. represent the finest part of the shooting sport. You can feel their spirits watching you today when you're on the ranges shooting, for they have left the future generations and the world a legacy of the shooting sport, right here at the M.R.A. Walnut Hill Museum. We have concentrated mostly on these men and women who have captured our imaginations as greater-than-life-sized leaders in the shooting sport. We all are historians; we must look at the legacy they have left for the future. As I've said before, we will share the vast history of Walnut Hill with the world. The idea of this series of volumes, 1 through 10, is to record the outstanding history of the Hill for future generations. All proceeds from the selling of these books will go to the Massachusetts Rifle Association to preserve the history of the M.R.A. through our Museum. If you can help, I thank you. I am looking for old photos of Walnut Hill to share with our membership. The one thing I have learned about history: if someone does not record it, it is lost for all time. But these books will present a vast history which we will share with the world. As you read and look at all the photos, know the books will be a treasure for future generations after we have all come and gone. The books detail the Legacy of Walnut Hill. And we will only print 100 books in each series, for this is truly a limited edition!

Robert Summa
President, M.R.A., at the Walnut Hill Range.

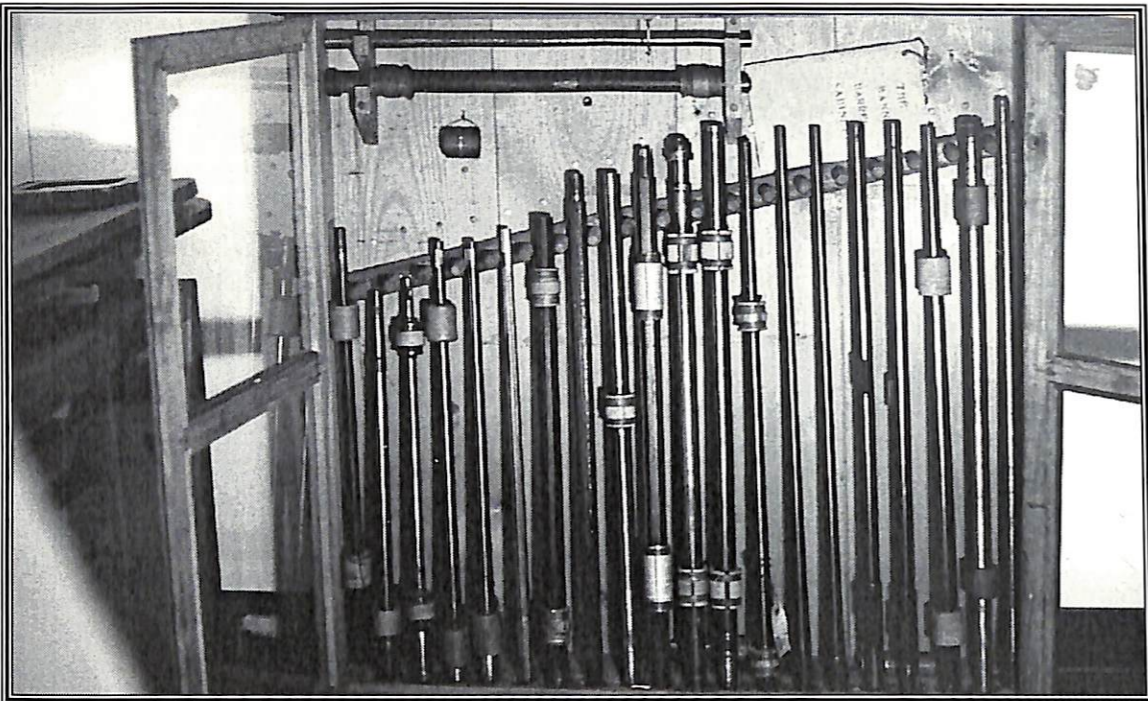
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LEWIS MEDALLION



Lewis Medallion Match. Special military competition, opened Dec. 25, 1885 and closed July 4, 1886. Standard American Target; distance 800 yards; any military rifle with open muzzle-sights. Seven prizes were awarded. The first, a Terra Cotta Emblematic Medallion presented by Mr. H. A. Lewis, won by Mr. Henry White, 76-77-78-78=281 +27=258. Lewis Military Match, Standard American Target. Conditions: 200 yards; position standing; pound 10; any military rifle with open muzzle-sights, entries unlimited at 25 cents each to members. To non-members, 80 cents. Prizes to be won on aggregate of each competitor's best five scores. Scores of equal number of points will be considered a tie without regard to rank or value of shots, and will be decided by the next best score or scores, outside of the five counting scores. Match to close May 1, 1887. Club handicap to be used. First and second prizes, a Terracotta Emblematic Medallion presented by Mr. H. A. Lewis. Won by F. J. Rabbeth, 87-87-86-82=427+0=427, and C. W. Hinman, 89-84-82-80-79=414+0=484. The above match opened Nov. 27, 1886. The Lewis Medallion is described in a list of matches, winter series, 1885-1886, as being 16" in diameter. Harry A. Lewis, the donor, and Henry White, the first winner, lived in Boston and were annual members in the 1885 list. Mr. Lewis became a life member the next year, and in 1888 moved to Philadelphia. He was born in England, and became a member of the M.R.A. in 1883. Mr. White's name does not appear on the list of 1888. Mr. Rabbeth moved to California in 1902. Major Charles W. Hinman continued to live in Massachusetts until his death from a burst appendix. Some time later, his daughter gave to the M.R.A. a box of his medals and a photo of him before she died. The name got lost and we did not know who he was. I was doing some research on the Walnut Hill Legacy Books and found him in a photo I am going to use in Volume 1: it was like finding a treasure! It makes you feel good to discover some hidden facts of the past history of Walnut Hill. This plaque is one of the three Lewis Medallions. It was found in a Boston antique shop, and was presented to the M.R.A. on Sept. 25, 1938, a gift of Mr. Rudolph J. Thanisch. All plaques in the clubhouse have been refinished by Mrs. Nacky Loeb.

Robert Summa



Franklin W. Mann's experimental rifle barrels on display at Walnut Hill Range. Mann is the author of *The Bullet's Flight*, the 1909 pioneer ballistics text for which he did much of his test shooting at the Walnut Hill Range. In the museum, it's a journey back in time.



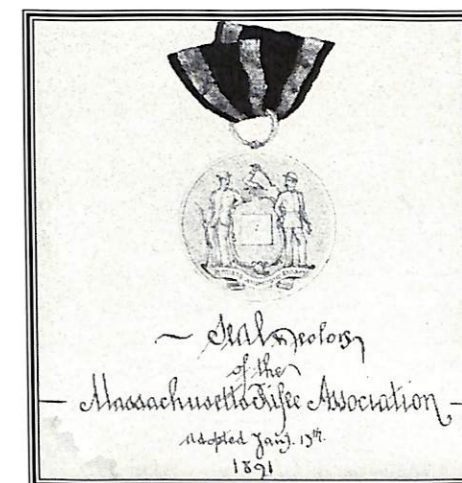
An original U.M.C. cartridge board including all the Big Boomers.



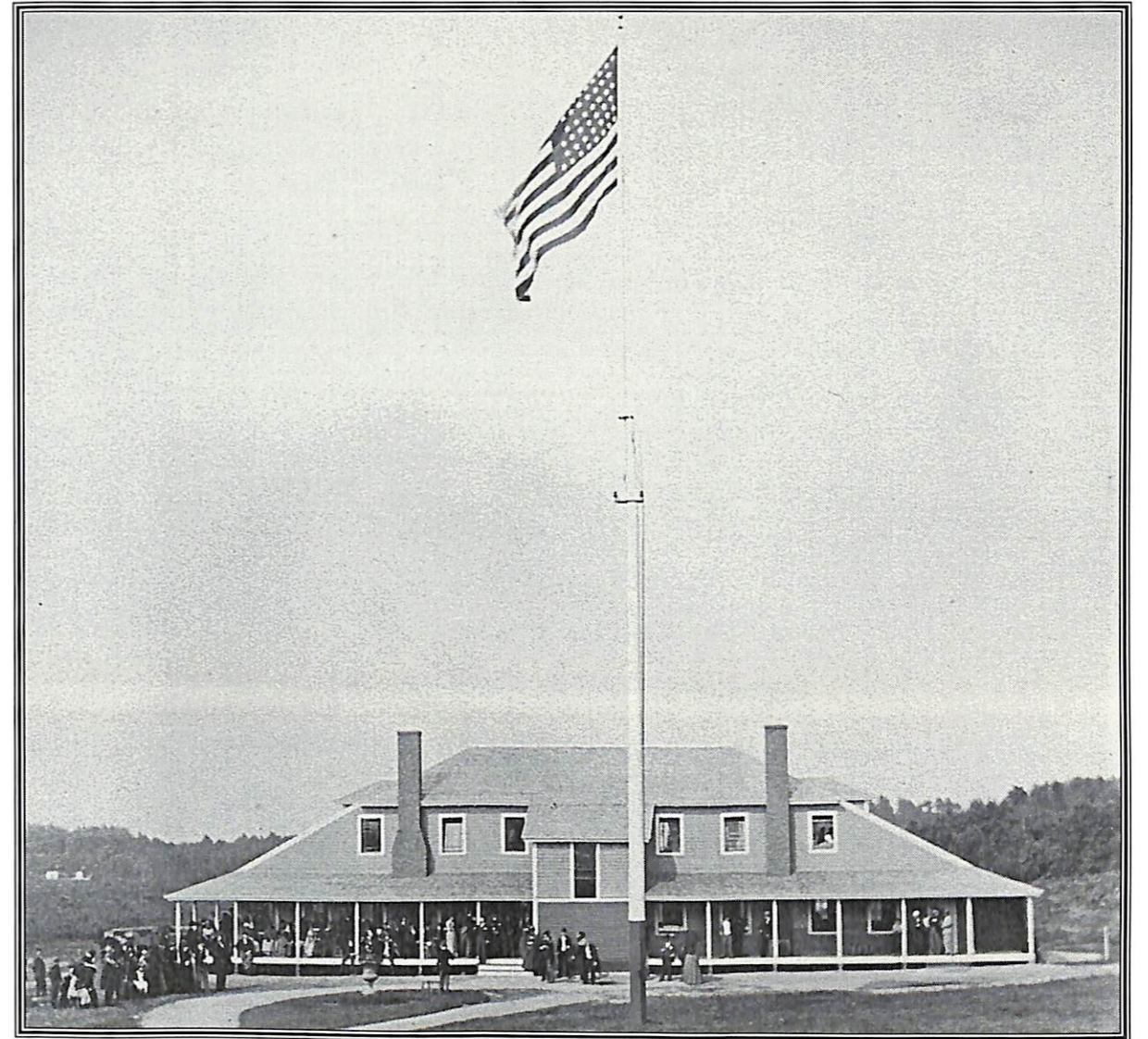
The Boston Globe Rifle Team 1882-1883, winners of the B.P.R.A. Trophy:
James P. Frost, Sam Merrill, Allen Kelley, Charles E. Orr, E.F. Stearns.



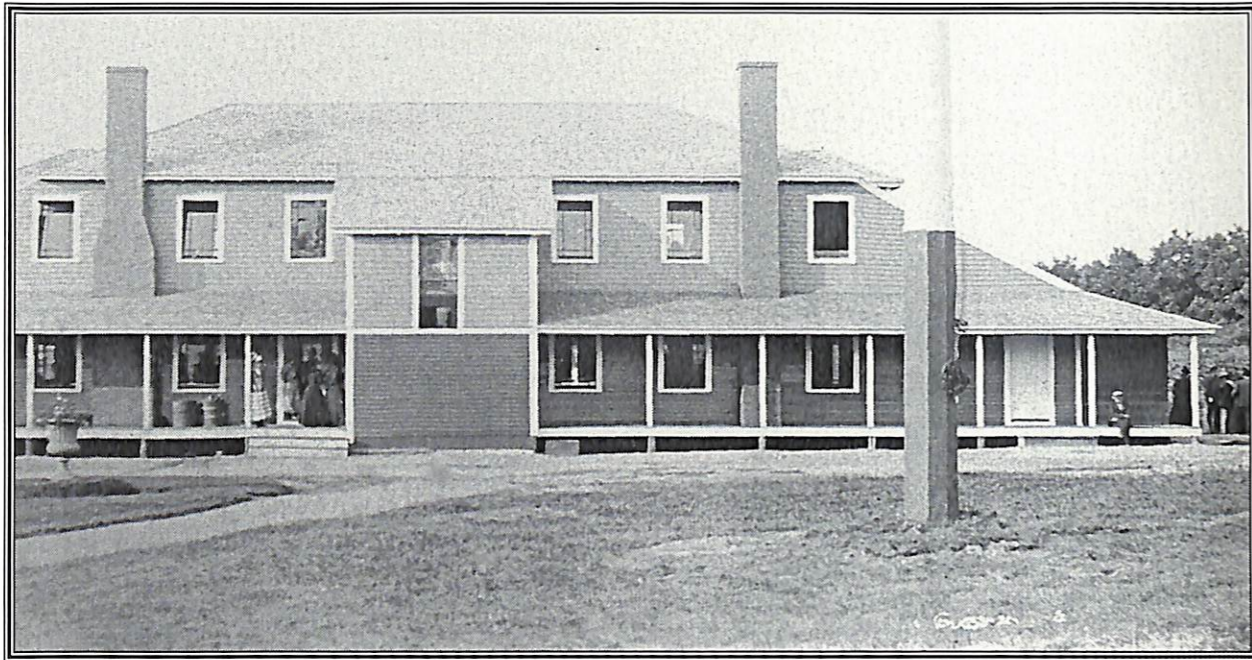
Photo of lead proof ok'd by Robert Ouellette,
First Vice President, Dec. 1, 1999 for the 125th
Anniversary Walnut Hill
Commemorative Coin.



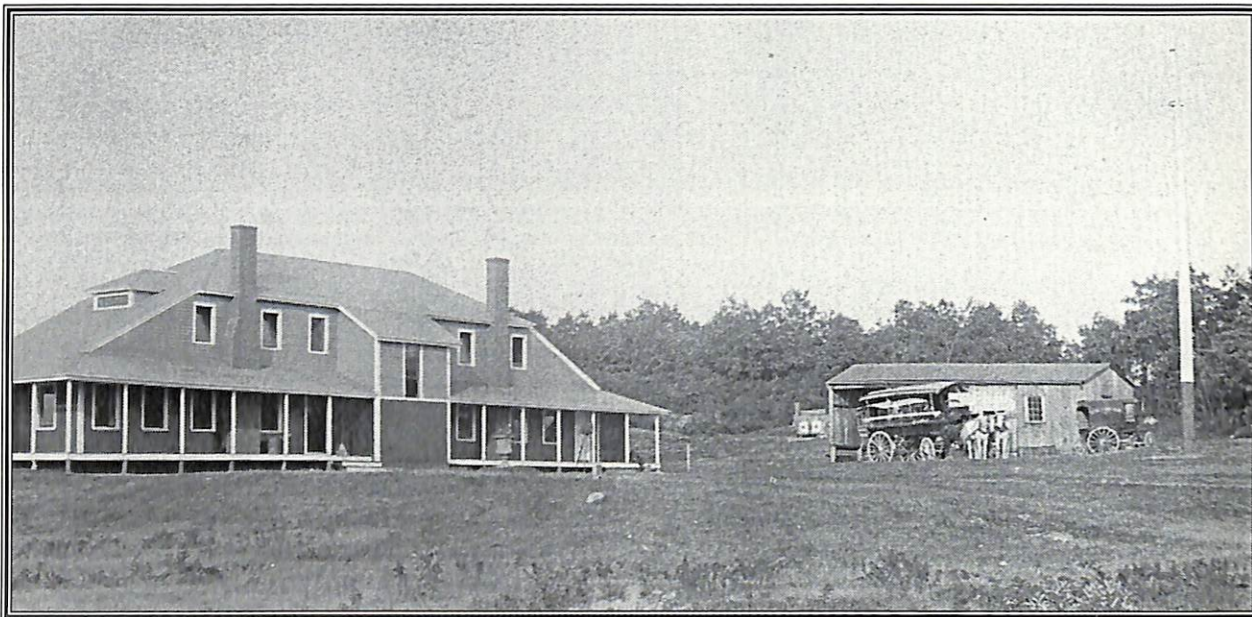
Massachusetts Rifle Association
Seal adopted Jan. 13, 1891.



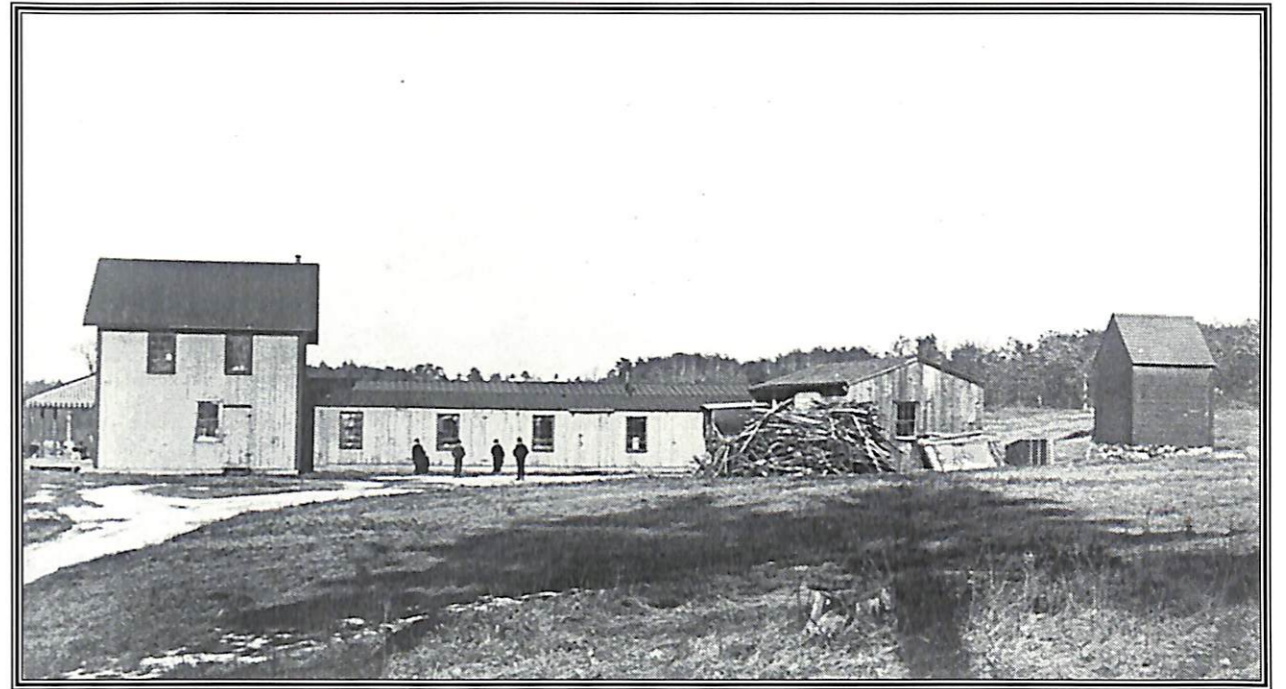
The Walnut Hill Club had grown from 30 members in 1875 to more than 300 members in 1891. Since ladies had played an important part in the M.R.A. history in building the new clubhouse, Ladies Day was held to thank them for their interest in the M.R.A. The ladies had collected more than \$110.00 for a new flag and flagstaff. The flag not yet unfurled, Mrs. Dickey was assigned the task of unfurling the flag because she had shown a great deal of interest in securing funds for the project. Dr. C.H. Gerrish made a presentation of the flag, and J.A. Dill catered the lunch for more than 150 people, which was followed by some novel shooting matches.



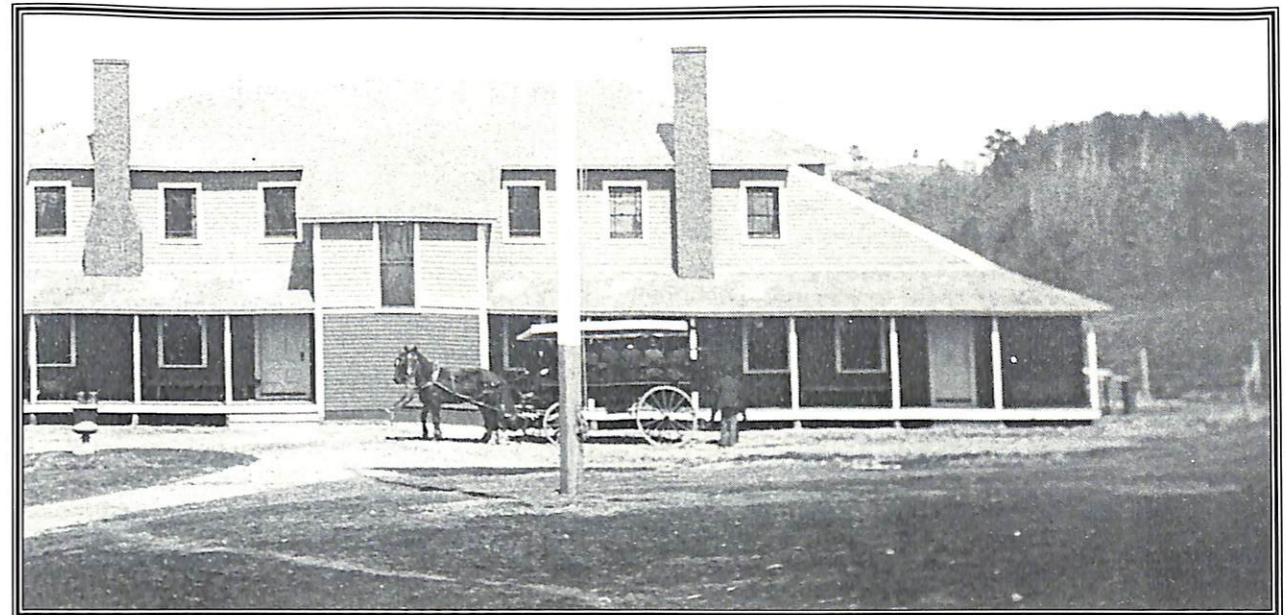
House warming of new clubhouse, and dedication of flag pole presented by the ladies of the M.R.A., Sept. 26, 1891.



The clubhouse was built in the Summer of 1891.



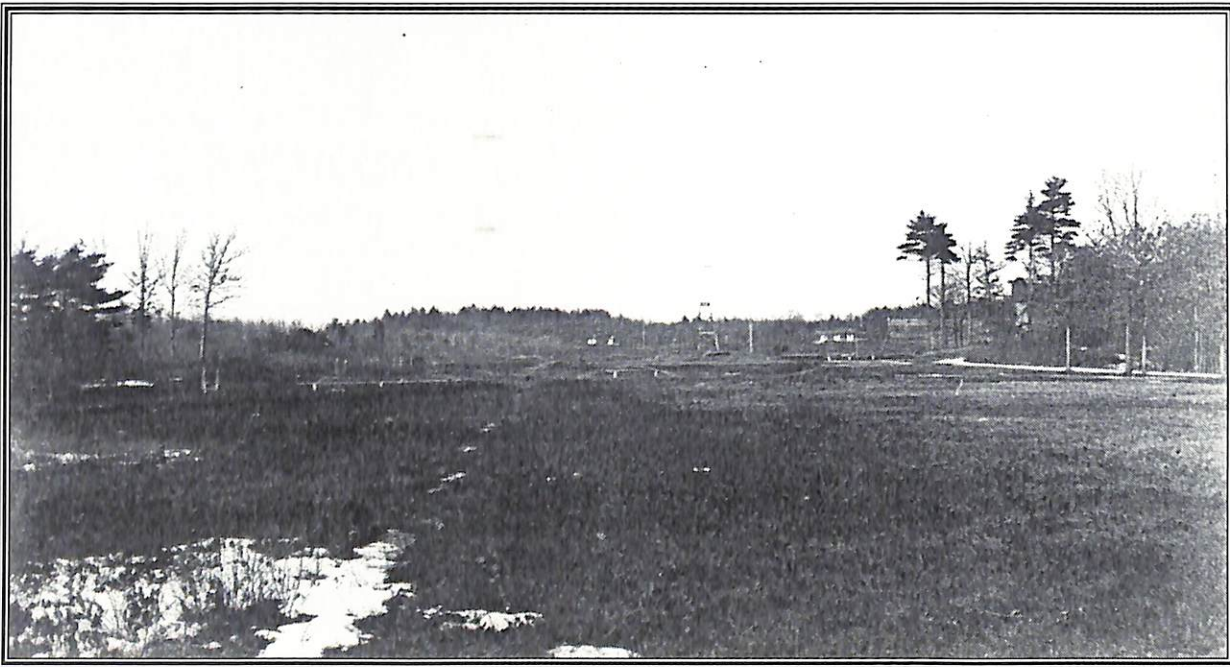
The early days of 1886.



Horse and wagon taking members to the Walnut Hill Range for a day of shooting in 1891.



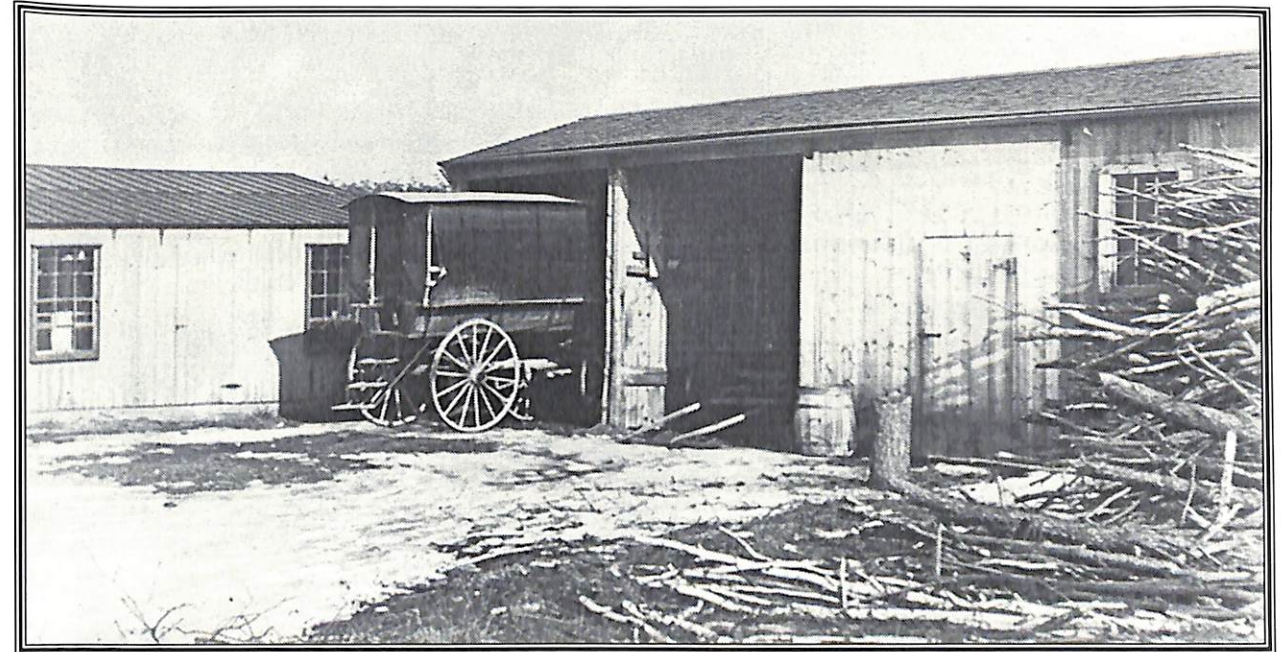
The Walnut Hill Range in 1885 before the present clubhouse was built.



First paper targets system used on the 1000 yard range, April 17, 1877.



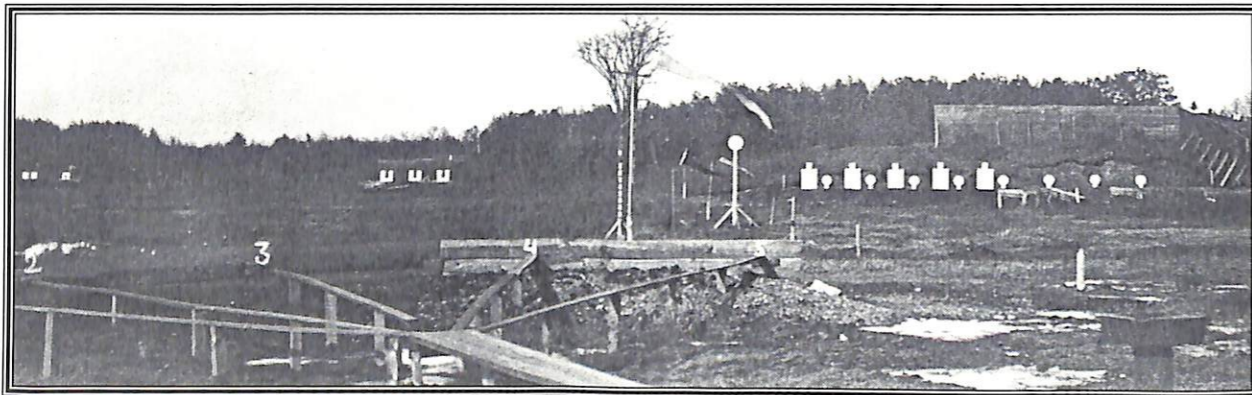
First paper targets system used on the 500 and 600 yard ranges, December 19, 1876.



Horse drawn carriage in 1886.



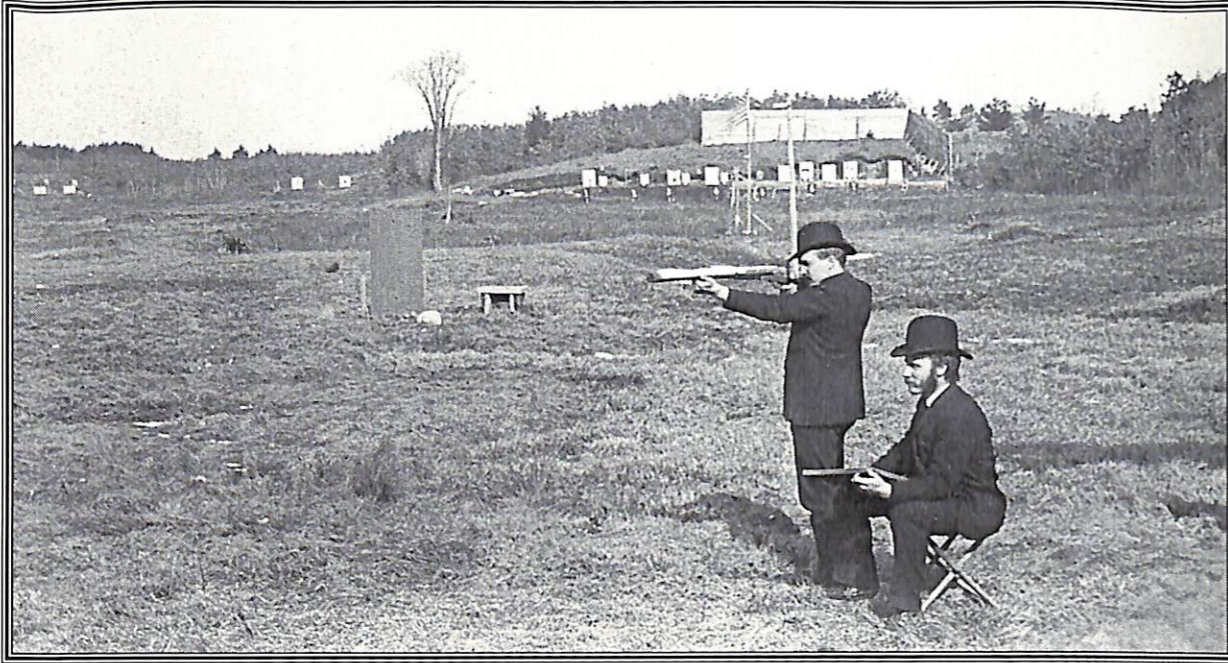
The challenge of the Minneapolis Rifle Club. George Harrison of Minneapolis visited Walnut Hill in January 1885. His visit resulted in a challenge from the Minneapolis Rifle Club, the champions of the Western Rifle Association in 1883, with "records which will stand in Europe as well as in the United States of America." Walnut Hill evidently did not think much of the Western Club, for the best marksmen were otherwise engaged at the Hill when a 6-man M.R.A. team scored but 396 x 600, while postal returns from Minneapolis tallied 411. This was in March 1885. M.R.A., finding it difficult to accept a beating, in April shot a second match: score 448 to Minn. 403. The latter Club arranged a third match at the end of the month; M.R.A. 865 x 1200, Minn. 775. A fourth match was shot a year later: M.R.A. 472 x 600, Minn. 379.



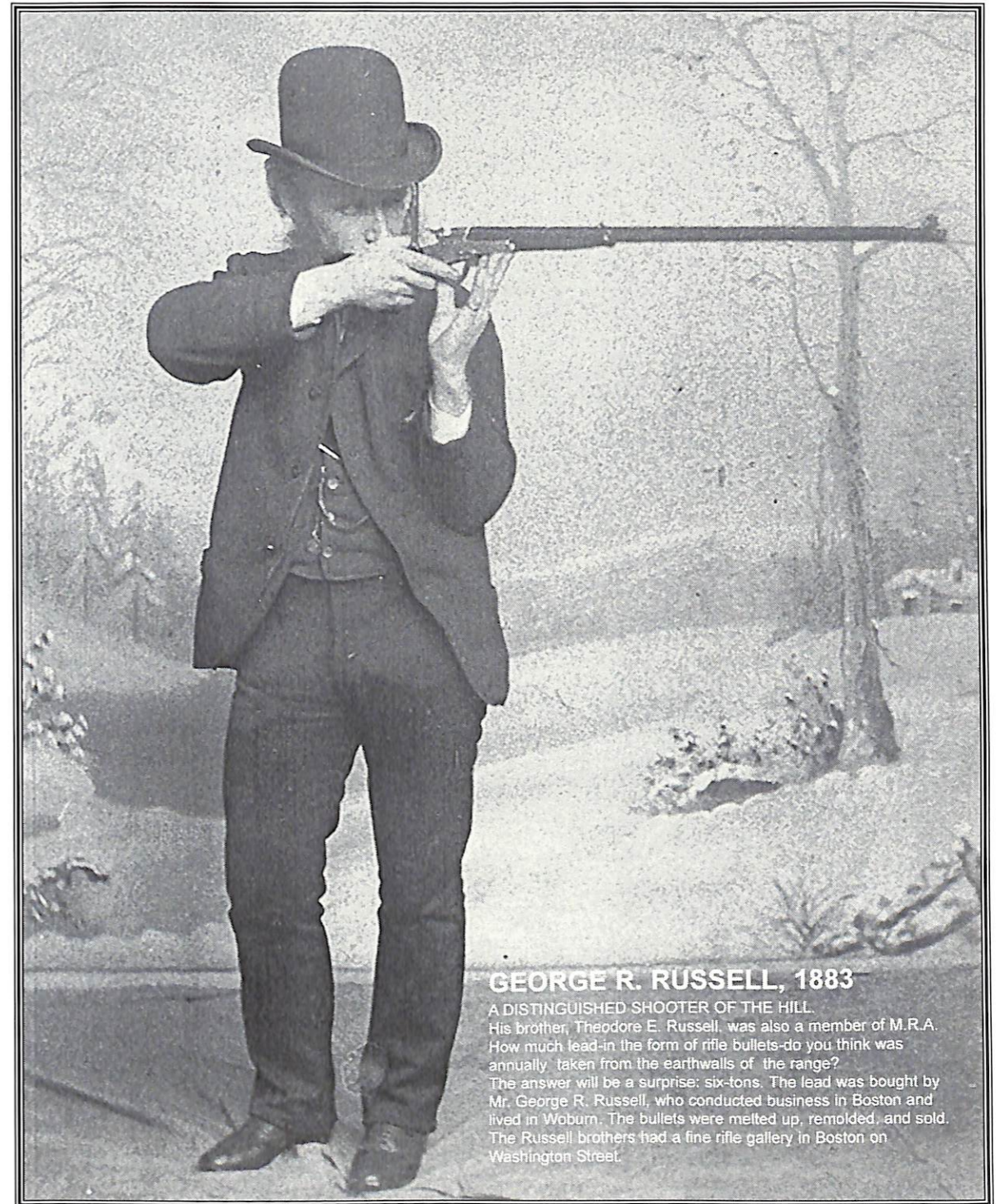
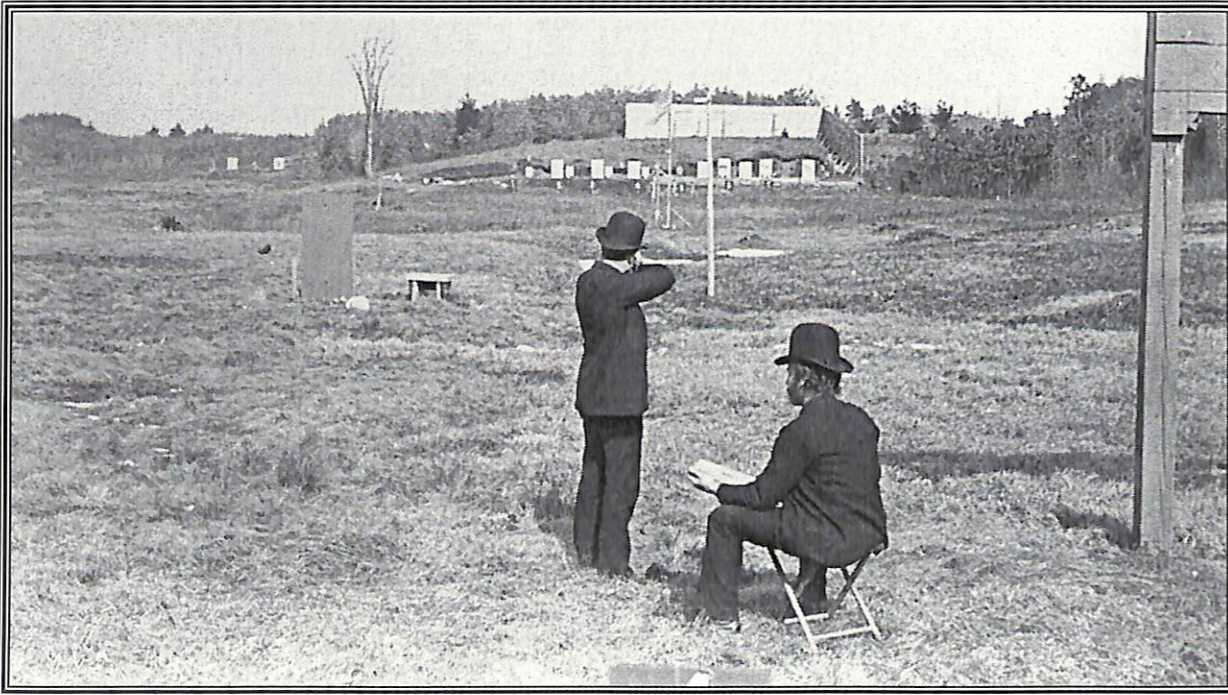
500, 600, 1000 yard targets; 1888 Walnut Hill Range.



The American team got a very effective drubbing at Creedmoor on September 8, 1882. Disadvantages lay in both arms and ammunition. Some famous small bore shooters had joined the National Guard in order to be eligible. Selection was by competition. The only National Guard Troops available for the American team were those of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, and parts from those of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and California. The entire number accustomed to regular rifle practice was about 20,000; very few had done work at 800, 900, and 1000 yds. Competitive shooting was done at Creedmoor, Long Island. The team was chosen at the 7th Armory, New York City, May 18, 1883, by the directors of the National Rifle Association, behind closed doors. M. W. Farrow was left off because the Newport Artillery Company was not a National Guard unit; others for the sake of harmony. Lt. Col. Geo. E. P. Howard, 1. R. P. 1st Brig., N. J., was chosen team captain. His first order established his staff. Lt. Col. E. O. Shakespeare, a Philadelphia physician on Gov. Hartranft's staff, was appointed Adjutant; Maj. L. R. Denmen, 1st. Brig. staff, N. J., G. M.; Capt. A. H. Herts, Secretary to the Captain. *The following sailed June 19, 1883 for England and Wimbledon:* Sergt. Walter Scott, 3rd Separate Co. Inf., N. Y. N. G. Sergt. T. J. Dolan, 12 Reg., Co. F, Sergt. J. L. Paulding, Sergt. W. L. Cash, W. L. C., Sergt. A. B. Van Heusen, 12 Reg., Co. Bb. Priv. J. M. Pollard, W. L. I. C., Priv. Geo. Joiner, 23 Reg. Priv. J. M. Brown, 7 Reg. Priv. C. W. Hinman, 1 Reg., Co. D, Priv. M. W. Bull, 2 Reg., Co. D, Priv. John Smith, 9 Reg., Co. C, Priv. S. J. Scott, M. D. W. L. I. C. Reserve: Maj. E. O. Shakespeare, 1 Div. staff, Pa. N. G. Priv. F. J. Rabbeth, 1 Reg., Co. D. Reserve Fred Alder, 7 Reg., Co. C. Reserve: Priv. Frank Stuart, 69 Reg., Co. C. Those identified are: *back row;* Dr. S. Scott, Washington, Light Infantry Corps; Sergt. Dola; unidentified; J. W. Pollard; Frank Stuart; unidentified; Fred Alder, unidentified; W. L. Cash, Team Captain; Lt. Col. Shakespeare; Lt. Walter Scott. *On ground:* C. W. Hinman of Walnut Hill; Mylan Bull; Frances J. Rabbeth of Walnut Hill. The photo was taken at Creedmoor, Long Island, September 8, 1882.

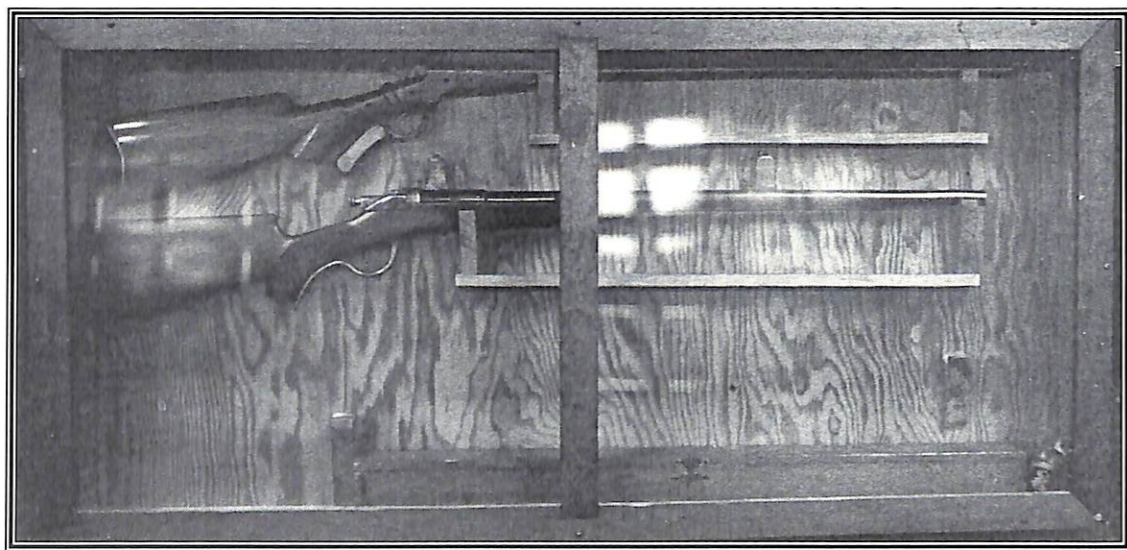
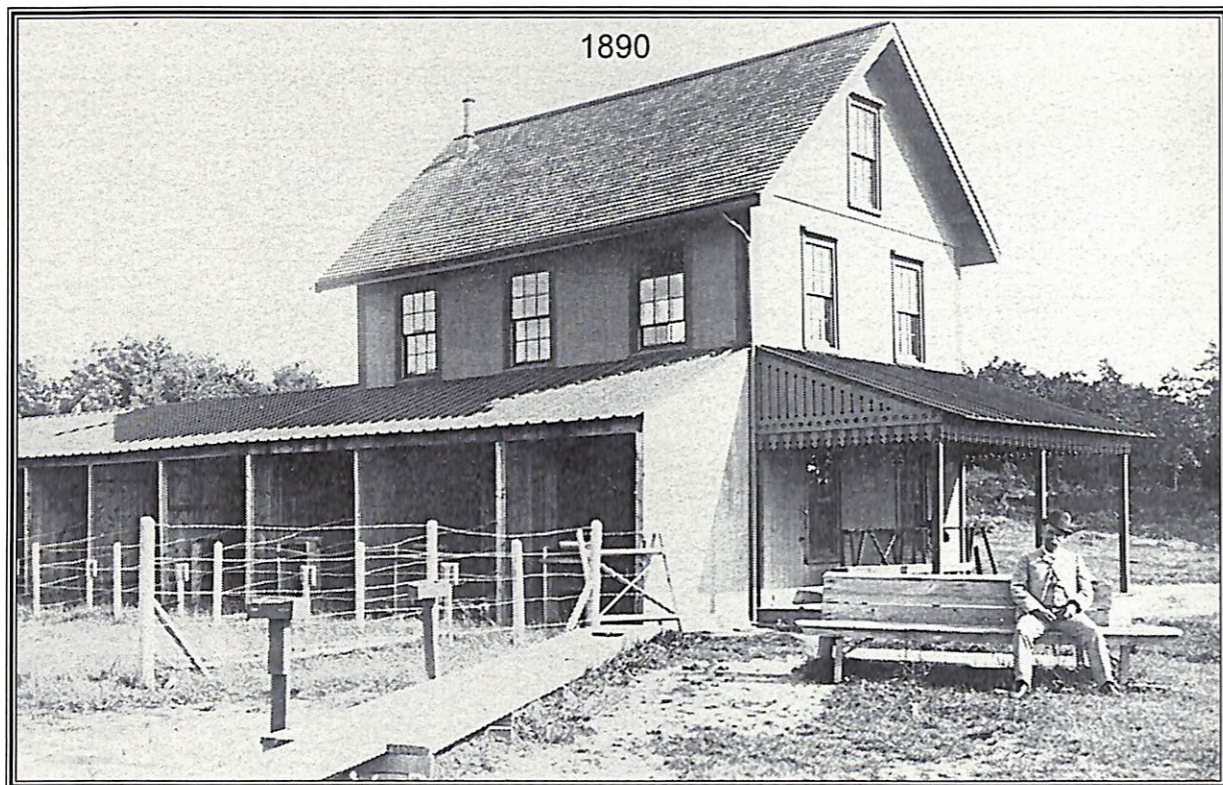


The Russell brothers doing some shooting in 1890. Theodore is holding a rifle and George is sitting down keeping score.



GEORGE R. RUSSELL, 1883

A DISTINGUISHED SHOOTER OF THE HILL.
His brother, Theodore E. Russell, was also a member of M.R.A. How much lead in the form of rifle bullets do you think was annually taken from the earthwalls of the range? The answer will be a surprise: six-tons. The lead was bought by Mr. George R. Russell, who conducted business in Boston and lived in Woburn. The bullets were melted up, remolded, and sold. The Russell brothers had a fine rifle gallery in Boston on Washington Street.



The Pope-Neidner display contains a Pope Ballard experimental rifle with Pope boxed rifle telescope and a Neidner experimental rifle.

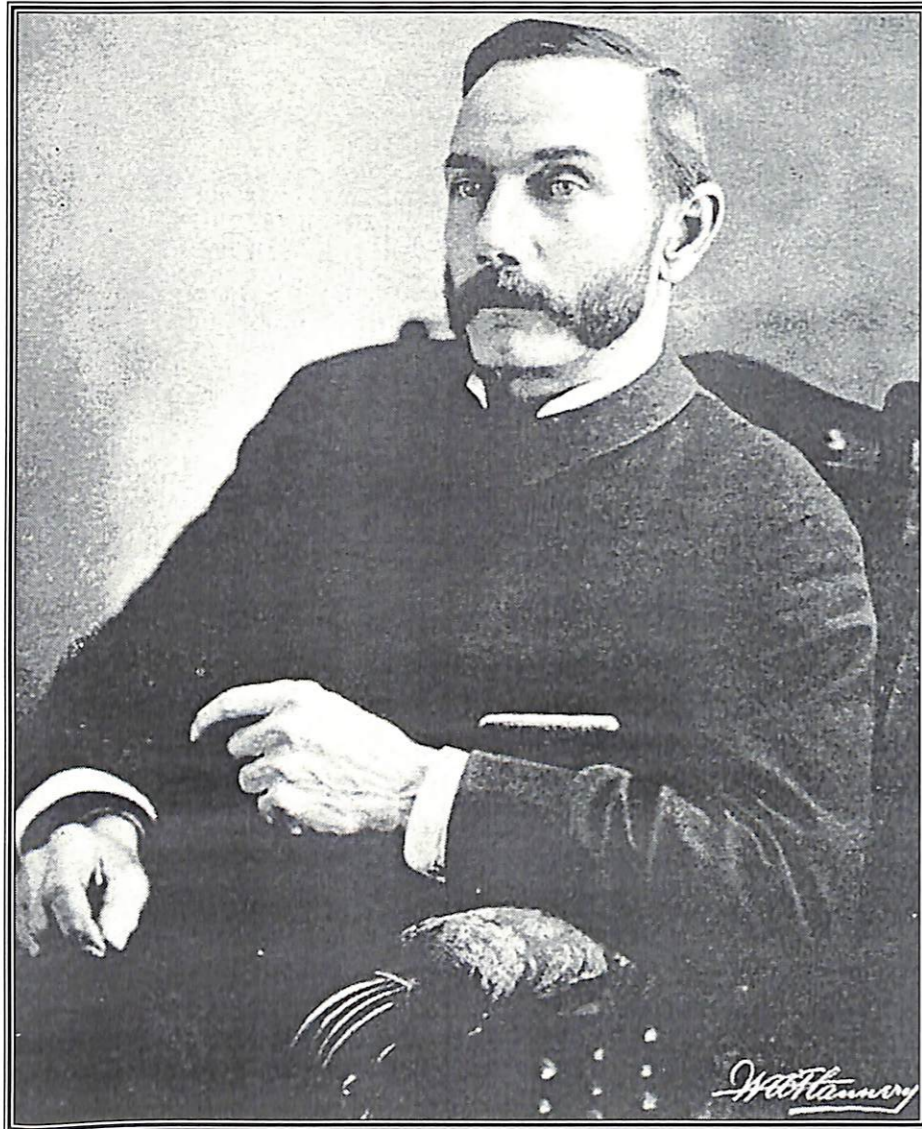


H. M. Pope at the Walnut Hill Range, June 5, 1935

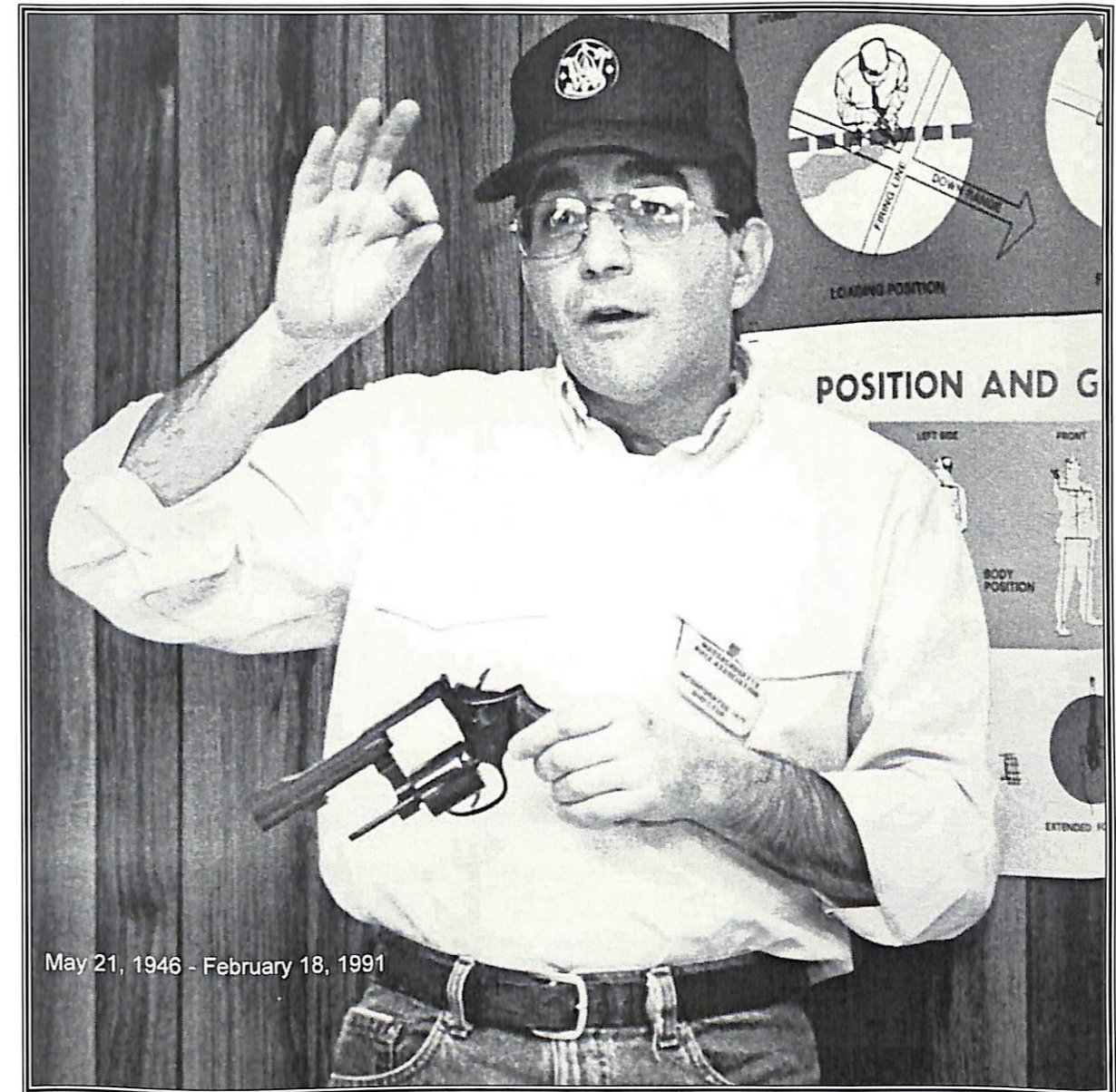
The barrelmaker Harry M. Pope, with shooters at the Walnut Hill Range of the Massachusetts Rifle Association, sitting on the porch holding a rifle he just finished building for Lucian Cary, who was standing behind him. The Walnut Hill Range was where shooting history was made early in this past century. Pope was the finest gunsmith of his era; a distinguished shooter of the Hill. He made barrels for Dr. Mann in his quests in ballistics.

Standing, L-R: Moore, Stevens, Tharnish, Lucian Cary, Arthur Elliot, Dickerson. Seated: Shaw, H. M. Pope, Durger, Kelly, P. E. Brooks. (Lucian Cary was a gun writer for True Magazine at the time.)

ASSRA archives photo from the Allen Winsor Collection.



Franklin W. Mann was the son of Levi and Lydia Lurana (Ware) Mann. He was born in the old homestead, at Norfolk, Massachusetts, on the 24th of July, 1856. He was the eighth generation descendant of William Mann, who came from England; settled in Cambridge, Mass.; and sold his farm afterward for the erection of buildings by Harvard College. Frank's father, Levi, was a farmer and mill owner; it was an advantage for Frank that he was born on a farm, where there was also a sawmill. As the years passed, he could participate in the seasonal activities of both. While this young mind was being molded by the influences of his home life and community impressions, he was developing a yearning for knowledge. The result was a four-year course of study in the scientific department of Cornell University, and the award, in 1878, of the degree of Bachelor of Science.



Frederick M. Fazio. The 22cal. gallery indoor range is dedicated in memory of this friend and humanitarian—a truly gentle man who holds a warm and permanent place in our hearts. Fred was 1st Vice President and Secretary of M.R.A., and a life member. He was founder of the M.R.A. personal protection course. He was also the editor of the M.R.A. Newsletter called *The Bull*. **Author's note:** I worked with Fred for over 20 years in the printing trade at Daniels Printing Company. I knew Fred when we were young. He lived in the West End and I lived in the North End, of Boston and we knew the same people. He was a good friend of the M.R.A.

The Legend of Maj. Charles W. Hinman

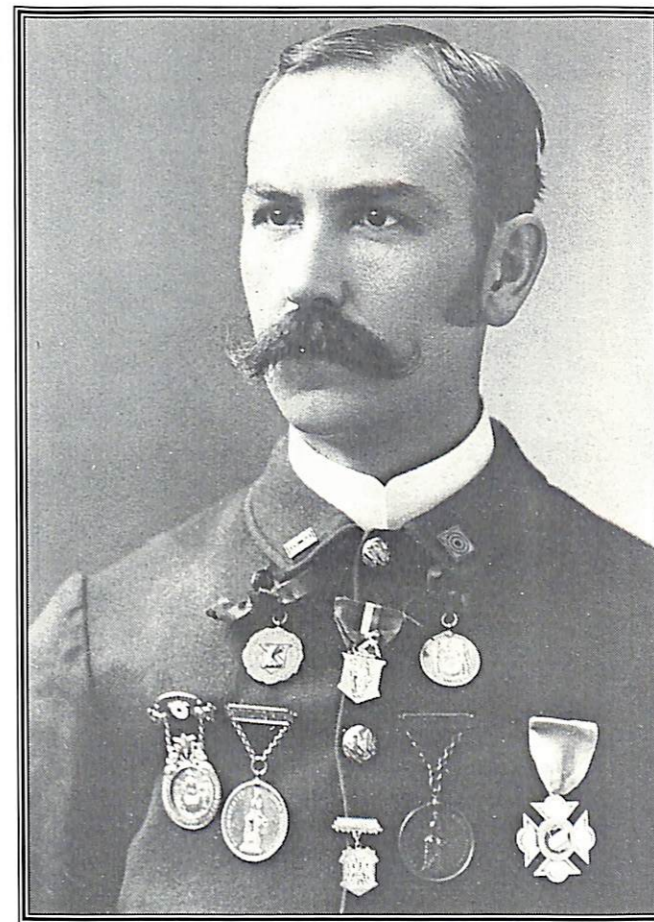
In 1886, the first standard American target for 200 yds. was adopted by a majority vote of shooters and shooting clubs. It was a target with a highscoring value of 10 to be superimposed on the Creedmoor 200-yd. military target, for use either in military or sporting rifle shooting. This target was identical with the standard American 50-yd. slow-fire pistol target in use today. Maj. Charles W. Hinman, who designed this target in 1885, had been a shooter since he was encouraged as a boy to spend time out-of-doors for his health, and developed a love for hunting and guns. Hinman became a member of the Massachusetts Rifle Association in 1879. He quickly became proficient at offhand shooting, first with a .40 cal. Kirkwood rifle and later a .35 cal. Maynard, winning matches at Creedmoor, Long Island; Manchester, N.H.; Medford and Wakefield, Mass. Hinman was a member of the 4-man MRA team which won the Offhand Championship at the 1881 Annual NRA Matches at the Creedmoor Range. In 1880, he took up long-range shooting, using a Remington rifle from the back position. On Aug. 24, 1881, at Walnut Hill, Mass., he scored a record 224 (75-75-74) at 800, 900, and 1000 yds., 15 shots at each range. In 1879, Hinman joined the Roxbury City Guards of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. He shot the Springfield military rifle well in competition, and won places on the military rifle teams which shot international matches with British teams at Creedmoor in 1882 and at Wimbledon, England, in 1883. In state and company military competitions, Hinman was often high man. He was considered the best shot in his regiment, and was named Regimental Inspector of Rifle Practice when that office was created. Shortly afterward, he was named Inspector of Rifle Practice, 1st Brigade. Maj. Hinman graduated at the head of the Class of 1870 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He taught chemistry there for a year. He was then appointed State Gas Inspector and held that position for over 20 years. Next, he became a manufacturer of gas meters, and invented a number of gas appliances. Maj. Hinman hunted and fished widely in eastern Canada throughout his life. He died while on a fishing trip in Nova Scotia from a burst appendix.

Born-Concord, Vt., April 11, 1849

Died-Jordan Falls, Nova Scotia, May 26, 1922



CHARLES W. HINMAN

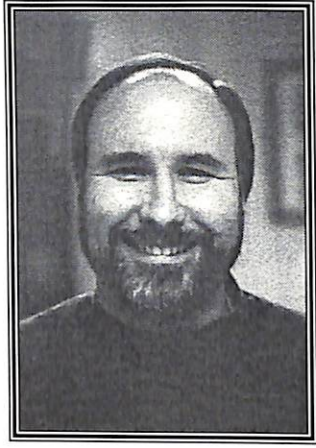


C.W. Hinman was a member of the Walnut Hill Rifle Team that went to Creedmoor and won the offhand championship trophy on Sept. 15, 1881. He was a distinguished shooter of the Hill. He also won the Lewis Medallion in 1886. A Terra Cotta Emblematic Medallion, it is 16" round. (See page two.) It is beautiful in its rich history of the riflemen of the Hill. He was also a member of the militia team that went back to Creedmoor for revenge. After their defeat on September 8, 1882, the team won every event they could enter as a militia team. C.W. Hinman was a master of long range shooting at Walnut Hill. You can feel his spirit watching you on the range. He is one who has left a legacy for future generations to come.

President of M.R.A., 1912-1916



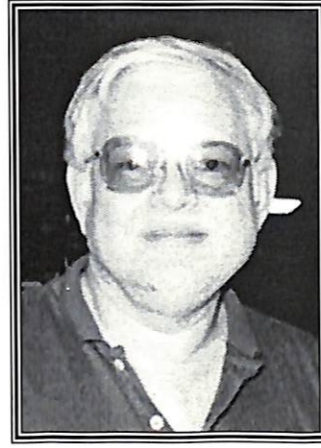
LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE WALNUT HILL LEGACY 2000



R. OUELLETTE
1996-1998



JACK LYDON
1995



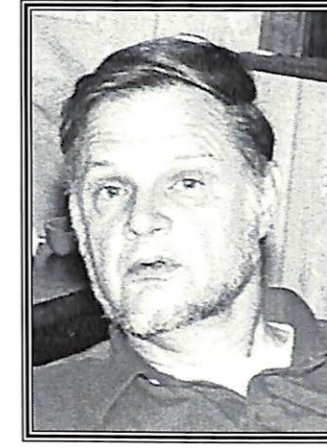
R. SUMMA
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1999-2000



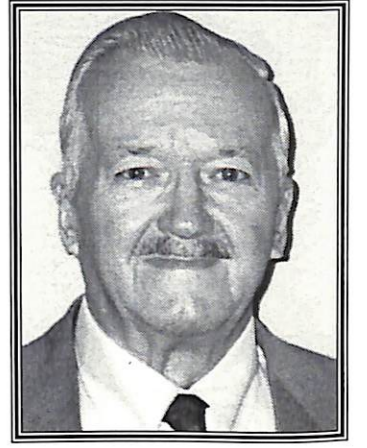
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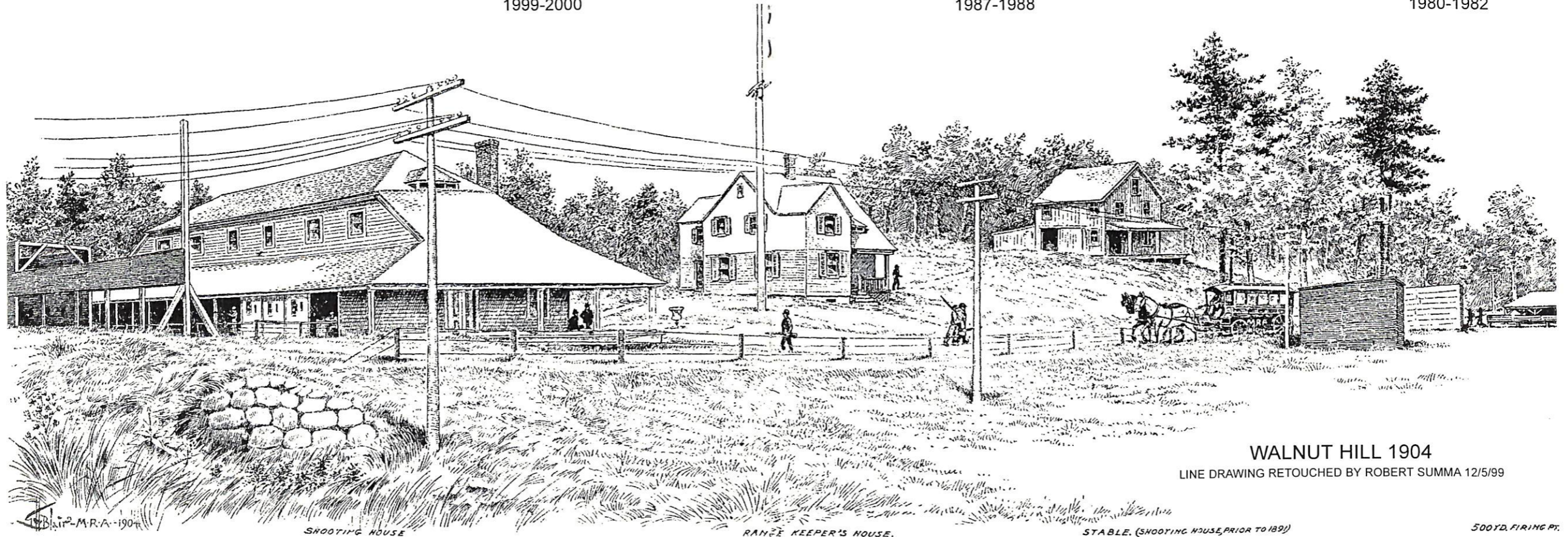
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1987-1988

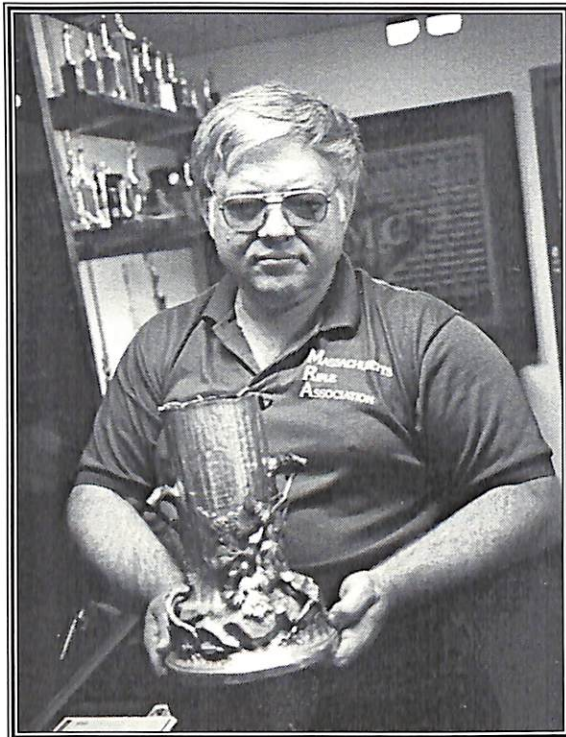


WILLIAM BUEHLER
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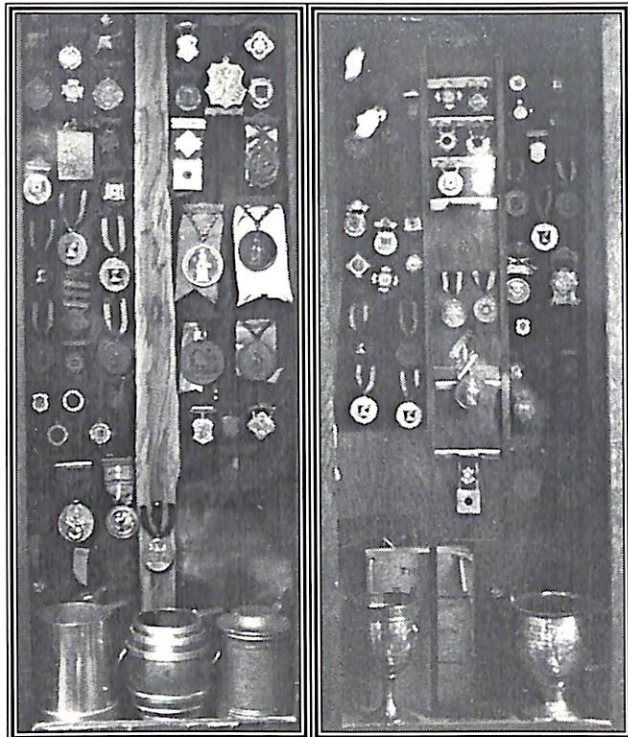


ARTHUR R. WHITE
1969-1976
1980-1982





M.R.A. President Robert Summa holds the Creedmoor Offhand Championship Trophy of 1881 at the Walnut Hill Museum.



Medals of yesteryear in display cabinets.



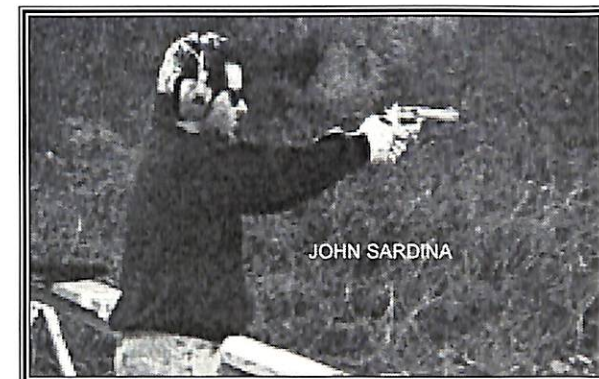
Franklin J. Rabbeth Trophy.



The M.R.A. Museum is a journey back in time.



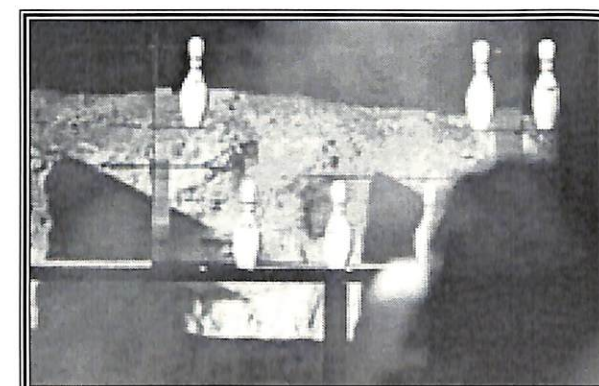
BACK ROW DOUG BURDON, DAYE PARKER, DAVE QUARTASONI, MATT PIGOTT, RON LEONARDI.
FRONT ROW E. MAHONEY, JOHN SARDINA, JIM MEMMOLO, PETE ORNE, DANA FASMENT.



JOHN SARDINA



CHRIS MARTIN & SAL





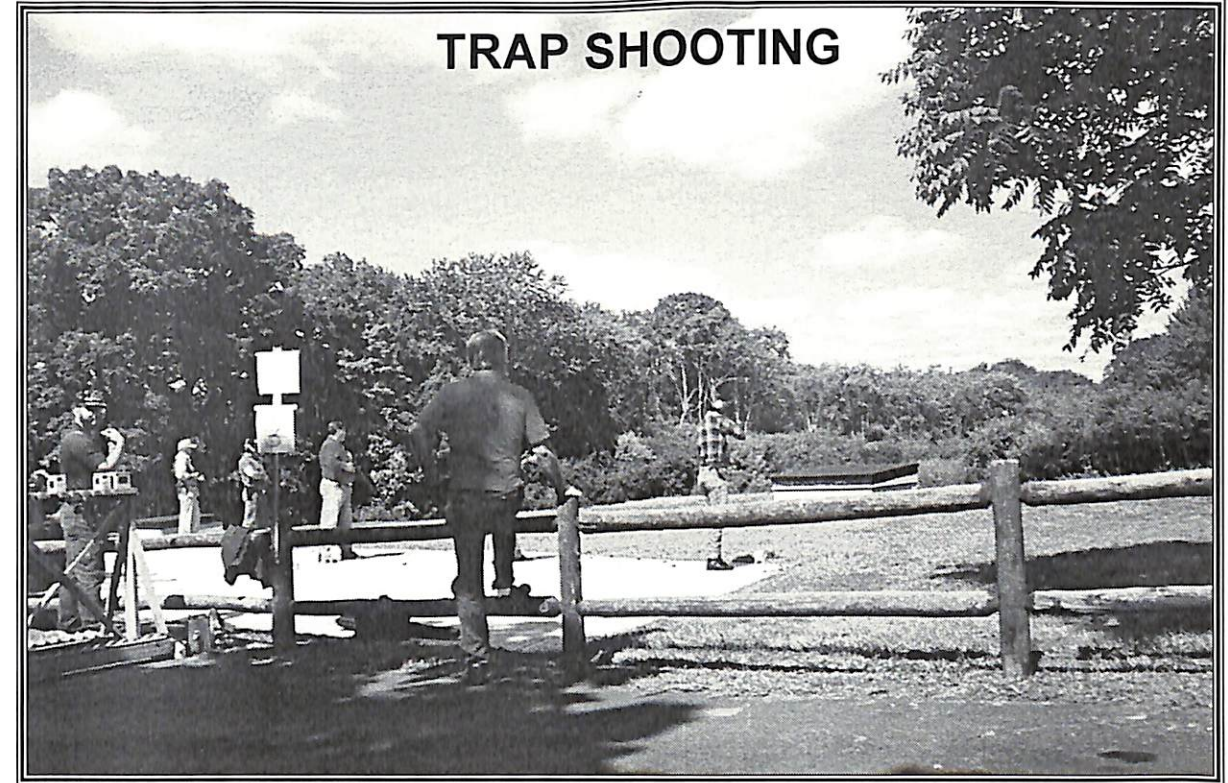
Sharps Shooters at the June 15, Match in Massachusetts

In spite of poor weather, 29 shooters participated in the first Mass. Schutzen Society match at Old Colony in Pembroke, Mass. Of these, 14 brought along their Sharps. Nearly half of the 48 members of the newly-formed M.S.S. own original or repro Sharps Rifles. *Front row:* A. Wonson, Arthur Hall, a member of M.R.A. and past director B. King, D. Spalding and E. Hill. *Back row:* C. Rosen, B. Webster, R. Piver, S. Myers, D. Lawrence, I. Hall and G. Taylor.

Msgt. Roy Piver was a member of the 102nd Air Nat. Guard pistol team that, in 1984, won the Camp Perry Team Match as an expert team. They beat the Portoreco N.G. Team by X's. The story goes that Bob Summa was sick that day (hot, muggy weather), but the team did not have a spare member to replace Bob. So they dragged him to the line, propped him up, and-as they say-the rest is history! It was team spirit that drove Bob that day, for the team was-and still is- first, last, and always. We are all one in the same. It is the spirit of the team that will live on after we are long gone. (P.S. It was the best shooting Bob did in his life! He shot a score of 278 using a 45 ACP. that he built and accurized himself. See page 30.)

By Tsgt.. Robert Rogers

TRAP SHOOTING



THE HOWLING FOX

A day in the life of a trapshooter. Bob Ouellette steps up to the line. He has a gift for the game: a feel for the shotgun, an instinctive mind, and total confidence. "Let the games begin," he shouts. "Let's see the birds fly into the blue sky." Then, a freakish change comes with a burst of wind. Lifting oddly - faster or slower - as the wind hits his face. The birds are too high or too low, too close or too far for whatever reason; maybe the pull is too slow, or the hold is not right. He loads two-7½'s into the chambers and, in a ready position, he calls "pull!" Two orange birds race into the air against a flashing blue; they fly to the right, skimming and lifting all at once. The fox speaks twice as two orange puffs mark the blue sky - two hits - as he swings through. He slides two more into the chambers and shouts "pull!" Two birds race into the blue sky to move away from the howling fox. As they start to move apart, the fox howls again - two more orange puffs! As the excitement runs through him, on and on it goes. "Pull! Pull!" is the call of the day. He has total concentration. He visualizes the birds as they move across the blue sky. He picks them up and the fox speaks. Two puffs of orange mark the blue sky. He is calm; his heart still. Total concentration ensues. You hear "pull!" and the howl of the fox. It's the excitement and passion for the game that drive the men and women of the shooting sport. Ahhh, the smell of excitement at the M.R.A.'s trap and sporting clays. Let the games begin!

Bob Summa
Let your fox howl!

ACTION SHOOTING



Matt Pigott steps up to the line. Action shooting is his game. He loads his 45 ACP in a ready position. The Range Officer sees if the line is ready. Buzzzz. Matt draws from his holster. Eye and hand coordination are totally in sync; man and machine become one fine-tuned shooting vehicle. He has an instinctive mind and total confidence. He picks up the pins. Bang! clang! as he hits the steel pins. It's just like the sound of a bell ringing. Time is the essence of the game. The best time wins. Bang! clang! bang! clang! bang! clang! bang! clang! Ahhh, the smell of bullseye powder. The last shot. You hear tinkle, tinkle, tinkle as the empty cases hit the floor. Buzzzz. "What's my time," Matt shouts. "1.3 seconds, Matt. Not bad for the first run." The game consists of two shooters competing for the best time at the same time. There can be only one winner. The second run begins. Matt loads a clip into his 45 ACP. His body is energized with excitement; his passion for the game drives him on. The bullet's speed is 900 feet-per-second; its weight is 250 grains. The Range Officer sees the line is ready. Buzzzz. Matt has an instinctive mind and total confidence. As he picks up on the pins, he shoots. He is calm; his heart still. Bang! bang! bang! bang! bang! clang! clang! clang! clang! clang! clang! At the last shot, you hear tinkle, tinkle, tinkle as the brass cases hit the floor. Buzzzz. Ahhh, the smell of powder. It's over. "What's my time?" "1.2 seconds, Matt." It's the excitement and the passion for the game that drives the men and women of the shooting sport. Ahhh, the smell of excitement at the MRA. Pins. Steel. IPSC. Plates. Onward with the games!

Bob Summa
Let the clangs begin!

DOROTHY KNIGHT U.S.R.A. NATIONAL CHAMPION 1943



SANDY OUELLETTE
1994



KATIE TRICKETT
1996



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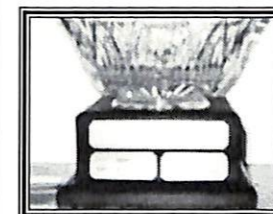


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THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THE 1943 OUTDOOR MATCHES	
Match A - Any Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match B - Pocket Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match C - Single Shot Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match D - Single Shot Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match E - Single Shot Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match F - Single Shot Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match G - Single Shot Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match H - Single Shot Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match I - Single Shot Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match J - Single Shot Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match K - Single Shot Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match L - Single Shot Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match M - Single Shot Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match N - Single Shot Revolver	
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2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
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5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match O - Single Shot Revolver	
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3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
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5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match P - Single Shot Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
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3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match Q - Single Shot Revolver	
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2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
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Match R - Single Shot Revolver	
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Match S - Single Shot Revolver	
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5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match U - Single Shot Revolver	
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3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match V - Single Shot Revolver	
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4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
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Match W - Single Shot Revolver	
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3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match X - Single Shot Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match Y - Single Shot Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
2. J. H. Chapman	Springfield
3. W. C. Deane	Springfield
4. E. W. Smith	Springfield
5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill
Match Z - Single Shot Revolver	
1. Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
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5. L. E. Fink	Walton Hill



SUN GULLIVER
1999



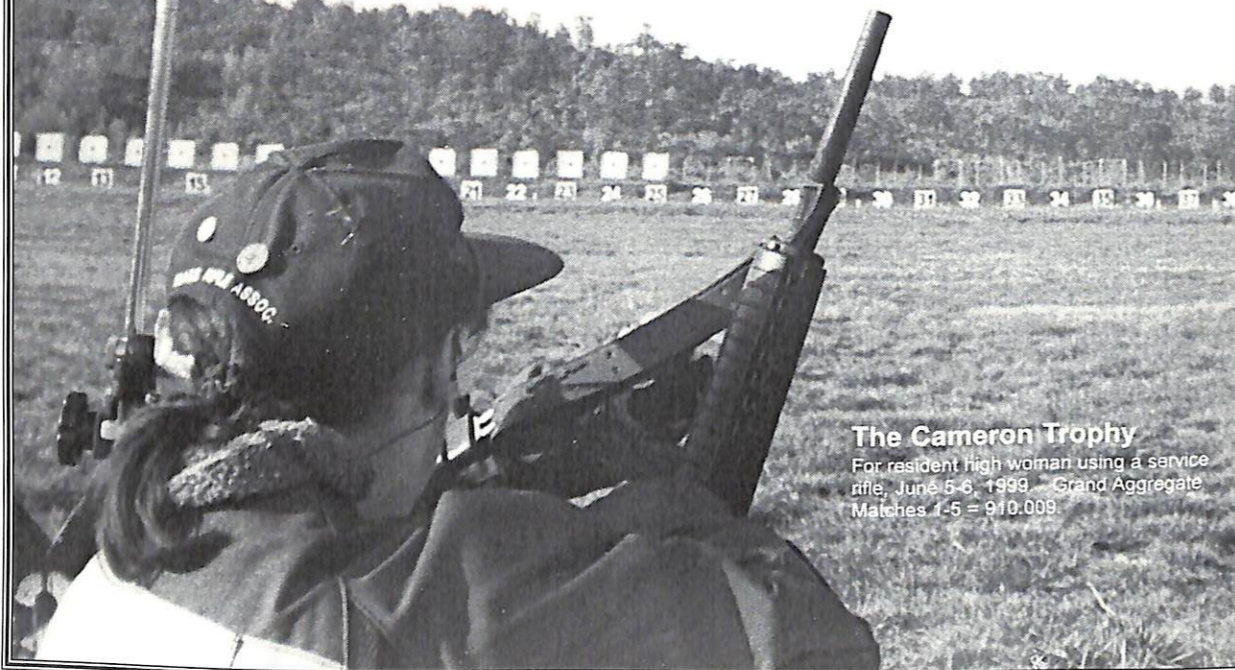
Dorothy Knight trophy given every year to the outstanding female shooter of the M.R.A.

MASSACHUSETTS	
Dorothy Knight	Walton Hill
J. H. Chapman	Springfield
E. A. Hatcher	Walton Hill
W. C. Deane	Springfield
C. A. Chamberlain	Walton Hill
C. T. Williams	Walton Hill
NEW YORK	
Charles Mathews	Walton Hill
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PENNSYLVANIA	
J. H. Chapman	Springfield
W. C. Deane	Springfield
C. A. Chamberlain	Walton Hill
C. T. Williams	Walton Hill
NEW JERSEY	
J. H. Chapman	Springfield
W. C. Deane	Springfield
C. A. Chamberlain	Walton Hill
C. T. Williams	Walton Hill

LOOKING DOWN RANGE:
SYLVIA CHALMERS,
MASS. H.P. RIFLE WOMEN'S CHAMPION,
1999.



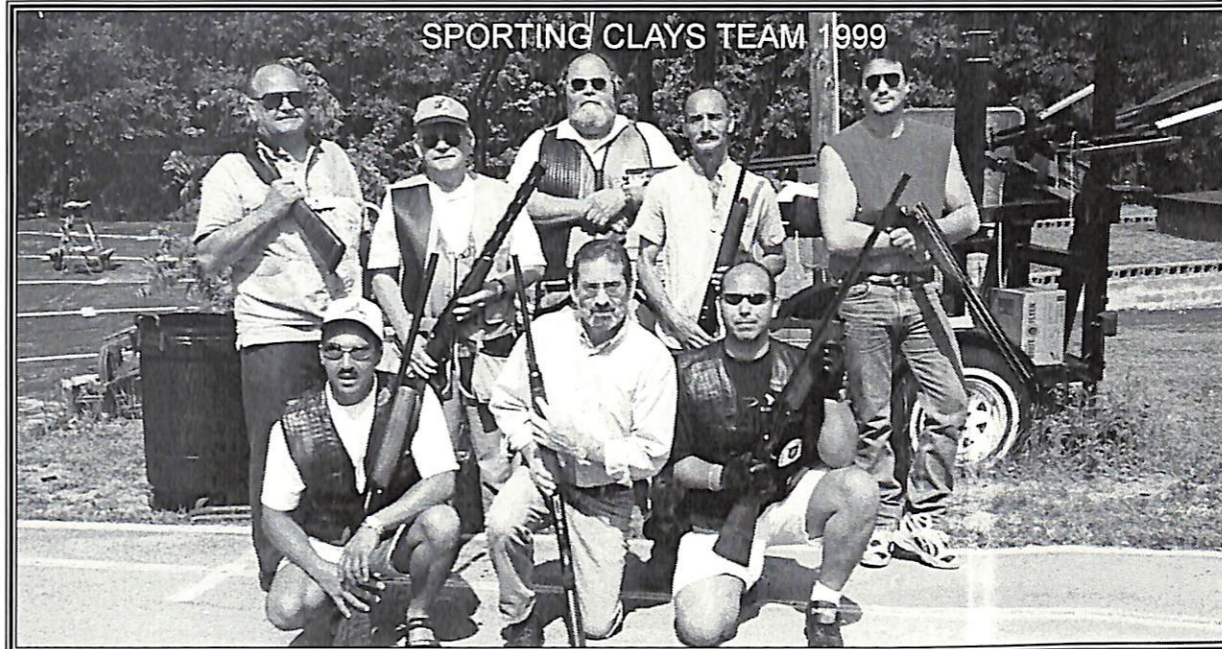
Sylvia is an active shooter in rifle, shotgun, and pistol; a past director of the M.R.A.; and a distinguished shooter of the Hill.



The Cameron Trophy

For resident high woman using a service rifle, June 5-6, 1999. Grand Aggregate Matches 1-5 = 910.009.

SPORTING CLAYS TEAM 1999



TOP ROW L-R GEORGE TRAGANOS, RUSS DEARBORN, STEVE AMARAL, BILL TUMBERELLO, JOE PALINO.
BOTTOM ROW JERRY SUIED, MIKE CAMARATA, DAVID SUIED.

CAMP PERRY, OHIO

1984
102nd A.N.G. PISTOL TEAM



TOP ROW L-R
TSGT. RICHARD RASHLOW,
TSGT. DONALD KING,
TSGT. ROBERT ROGERS JR.
TSGT. ROBERT SUMMA.

BOTTOM ROW L-R
LT COL. RON TORIGNEY,
MSGT. ROY PIVER.

OTIS AIR FORCE BASE, MA



S&W M29 Custom Engraved by
P. R. Piquette of S&W

The 25 yard indoor range was dedicated to William Loeb in honor of all the work and time he and Nacky spent at the M.R.A. He donated two trap machines to the M.R.A. The couple enjoyed coming to M.R.A. for a day of trap shooting. They spent many enjoyable hours at the M.R.A. Two M29'S were engraved in Bill's honor. One was given to Mrs. Loeb at the range dedication; the other is in the M.R.A. Museum. Mrs. Nacky Loeb refinished all the trophies at the M.R.A. They were long time friends of the M.R.A.

DEDICATED: DECEMBER 7, 1987



L-R D. Perry, R. Spinola, R. Summa, R. Ripley, R. Boyle, Mrs. Nacky Loeb, Warren Caseley, R. Pemberton, R. Perry, L. Conger



TOP ROW L-R
BOTTOM
ROW L-R

R. Pemberton, N.R.A. Director; Warren Caseley, N.R.A. Vice President; Mayor John Rabbit of Woburn;
R. Summa, 1st Vice President, M.R.A.
Mrs. Nacky Loeb; R. Boyle, M.R.A. President.



TOP ROW L-R RICHARD LICHOUULAS, MATT McGINNES, ROBERT RIPLEY SR., PETER BONGIORNO,
WERNER ECKSTEIN, THOMAS MEARLS, BART SMITH, DAVID SARGENT.
BOTTOM ROW L-R ROBERT SUMMA, JOHN ANDERSON, ED GEORGE JR.



Front Row L-R D. Suied, G.M. Dalelio.
2nd Row L-R M. Waters, C. Trickett, R. Ouellette, R. Summa, R. McLaughlin, P. Fortunato, J. Tashjian.
3rd Row L-R E. Mahoney, J. Alconada, J. Chalmers, D. Driscoll, R. Rogers, S. Iannuzzi, D. Burden,
4th Row D. Ouellette.



L-R BACK ROW TOM BOISVERT, ROY GULLIVER, JOHN CHALMERS, PAUL JENKINS, STEVE FORTUNE.
L-R FRONT ROW SUN GULLIVER, SYLVIA CHALMERS, BILL O'NEILL.



L-R BACK ROW ROBERT COLLINS, LEN SAWYER, JIM PETERS, ED HINES.
L-R FRONT ROW MAUREEN TRICKETT, KATIE TRICKETT, CHARLIE TRICKETT.

O. E. GERRISH AWARD

T. MEARLS
1999 WINNER



1970

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R. ROLLINS

R. WRIGHT

L. HARTNETT

J. BUCCI

T. MEARLS

J. BUCCI

T. MEARLS

Left to Right ~ T. Mearls ~ J. Bucci ~ L. Hartnett ~ R. Wright ~ J. Tashjian.
Back Row ~ R. Boudreau. THE 1999 SHOOTING TEAM.

The match is shot at 200 yards with ANY 22 RIMFIRE RIFLE. NO RETURN
TO BATTERY RAILS ALLOWED. ANY SIGHTS IRON OR OPTICS ALLOWED.
20 SHOTS AT 200 YARDS ON THE ARMY 5V TARGET.

O. E. Gerrish Match

Starts the 3rd Sunday of August & runs thru the 2nd Sunday of
August the following year.

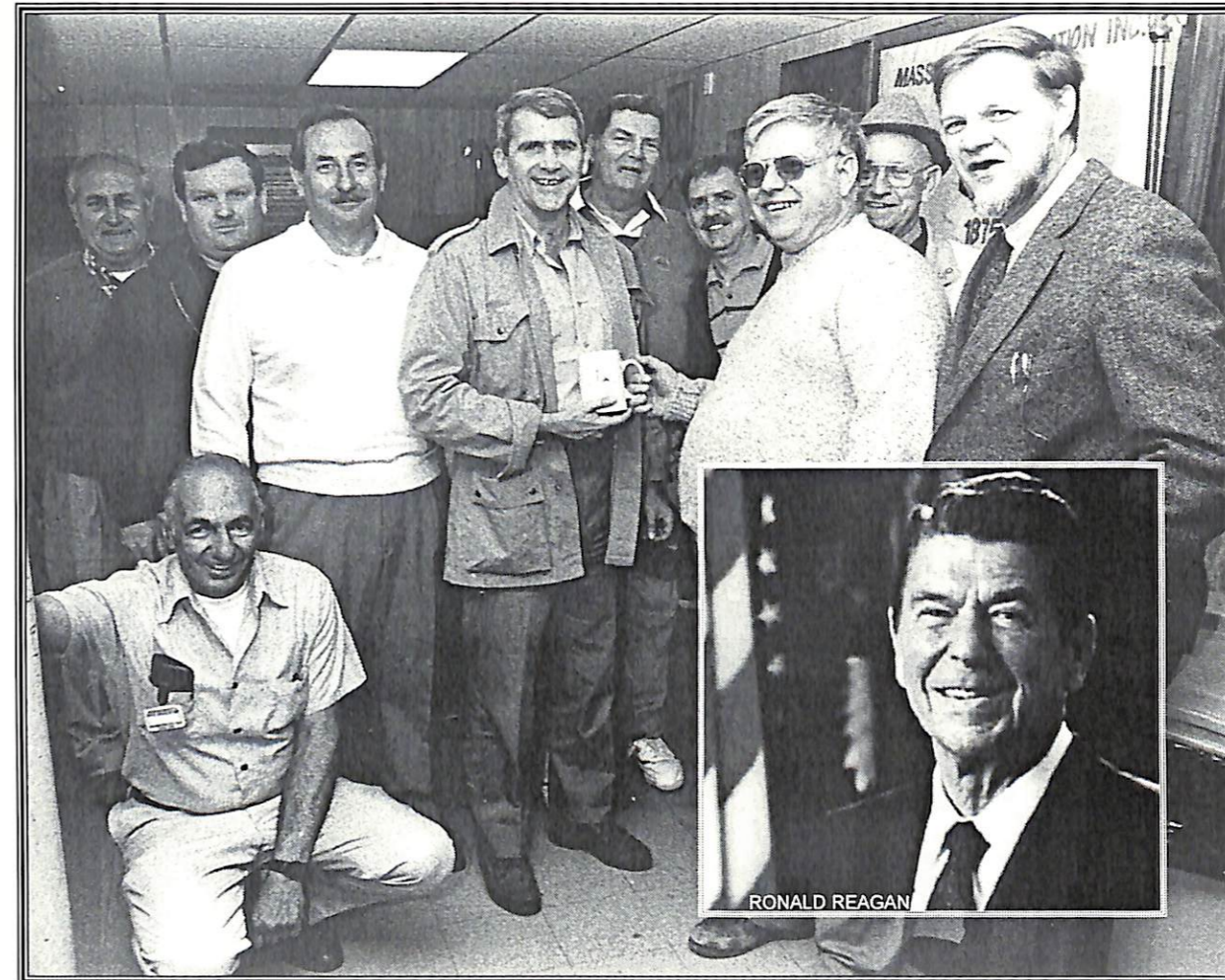
ORRIS E. "CAP" GERRISH. "Cap" had been associated with the club since 1906, and shot every Sunday, weather permitting. His love for the shooting game was strong. He had a remarkable memory. In his reminiscing of the good old days, "Cap" had a very impressive record of past performances. In September of 1914, in competition, he fired a string of 36 consecutive bullseyes from prone, at 300, 500, and 1000 yards. While compiling this score, he fired the 03 Springfield and used United States Cartridge Company ammunition as issued. This was considered such a remarkable performance at the time that the United States Cartridge Company-in three successive issues of *Arms and the Man*-inserted a half page advertisement, extolling his remarkable achievement.



CHARLIE TRICKETT, PAUL JENKINS, LISA PETERS, JIM PETERS, DAVE MARSHALL, JOHN CHALMERS, SYLVIA CHALMERS, PAUL STARRATT, ROBERT COLLINS, PAUL DANDINI, ED HINES, JOHN MYERS.



NATE GUYER, ROGER SULLIVAN, CALVIN MARSHALL, MIKE SQUILLANTE.



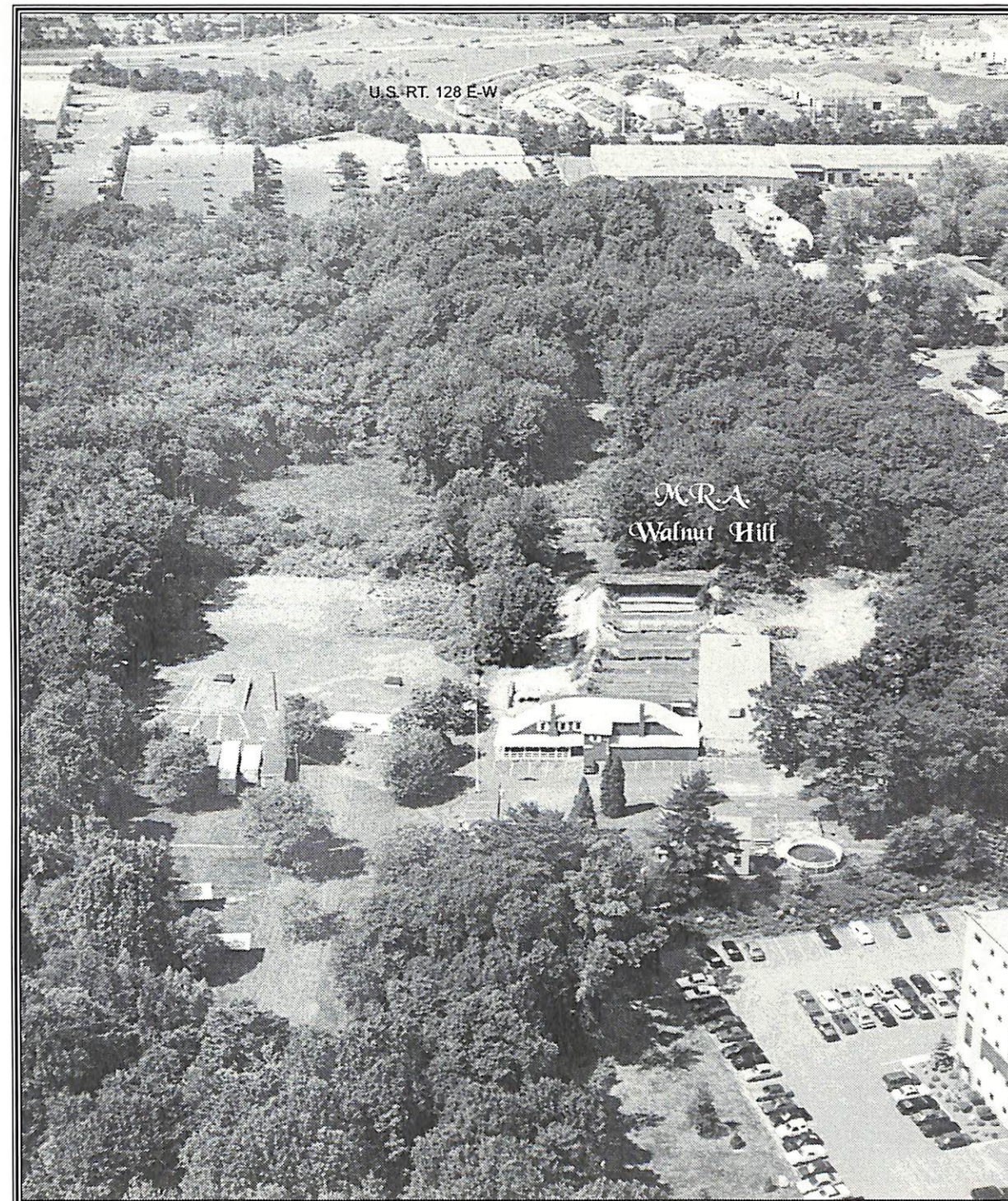
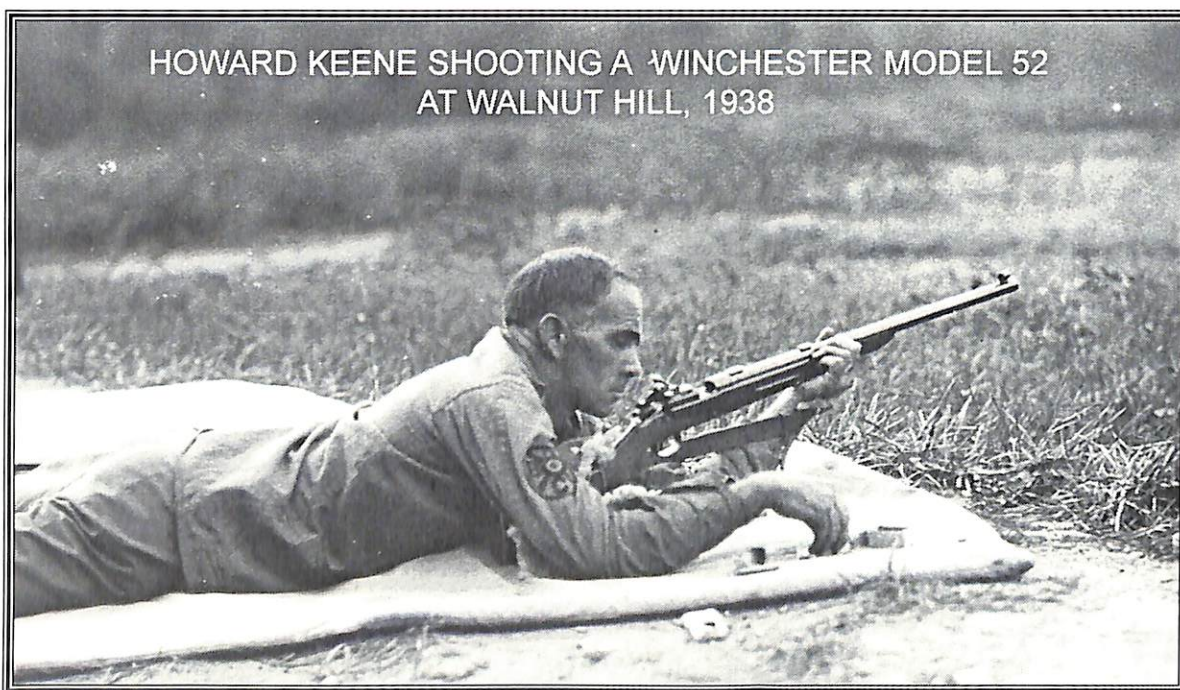
BACK ROW L-R ROBERT McLAUGHLIN, RICHARD LACHULES, LEE CONGER, JOHN T. COYNE, CHARLES McLAUGHLIN.
MIDDLE ROW L-R ROBERT RIPLEY, OLIVER NORTH, ROBERT SUMMA, BILL BUEHLER.
FRONT ROW SAL IANNUZZI.

LT. COL. OLIVER NORTH visited M.R.A. on April 30, 1991 to demonstrate bullet-proof vests to New England Police Chiefs. Oliver North was Chairman of Guardian Technologies International, which made Spectra 1000 Body Armour. Here, he was presented an M.R.A. cup by President Robert Summa. We must remember, like all the great heroes of America, he left his mark on the history of Walnut Hill. It is interesting how the media portrayed Lt. Col. North on Iran Contra. History will tell it all, for he protected the greatest President of our time: Ronald Reagan. He put himself in harm's way for American ideals: integrity, honesty, and freedom. He has captured our imagination as a great leader in American history.

Robert Summa



HOWARD KEENE SHOOTING A WINCHESTER MODEL 52
AT WALNUT HILL, 1938

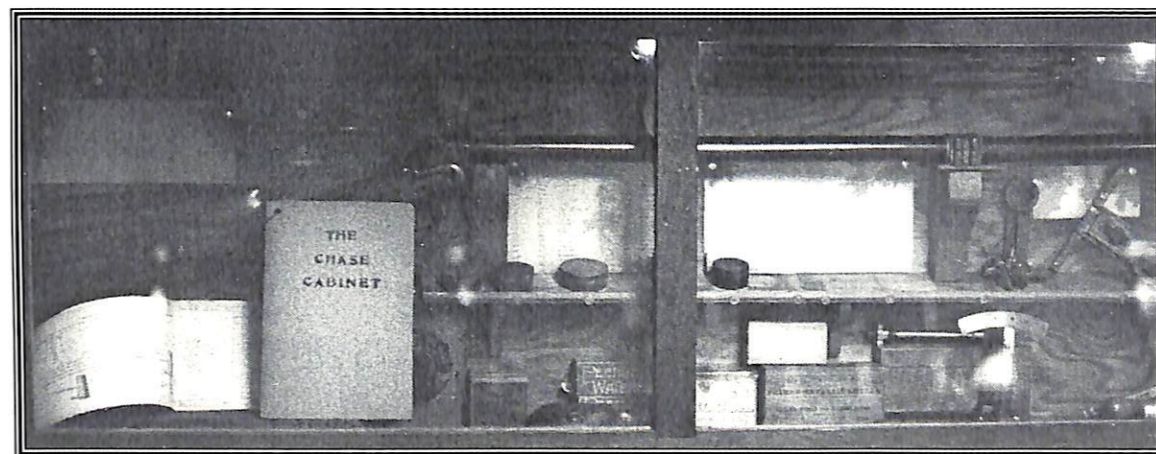




PISTOL SHOOTING IN 1938 AT WALNUT HILL



Mass. Rifle Assoc. - Cleveland Schuetzen Assoc. 100 yd. German ring radio match, Sept. 11, 1938.
From left to right: Mrs. J.W. Cole, A.P. Lambert, J.W. Cole, E.M. Kidder, F.E. Whipple, G.J. Morgan,
C.A. Moore, L. Friend, H.G. Robinson, M.W. Lenfest, N.W. Filson, A. Elliot, H.L. Griffiths.



The Chase Gun Display.
D.L.F. Chase was the inventor of the Chase paper patch.



Photo by H. L. Phillips May 12, 1938.

FOUNDERS OF M.R.A. WALNUT HILL 1875

ALONZO P. CLARKE
CHARLES B. CORY
JAMES N. FRYE
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HENRY S. HARRIS
A. HENRY HEBBARD
DUDLY F. HUNT
* WILLIAM H. JACKSON
GEORGE A. LORING

CLARENCE U. MEIGGS
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CHARLES A. PARKER
WILLIAM POLAND
HORACE T. ROCKWELL
* FREDERICK R. SHATTUCK
EDWARD B. SOUTHER
CHARLES C. WEMYSS
JAMES WEMYSS, JR.
SALEM WILDER
FREDERICK B. WILDES

* CHARTER MEMBERS

THE M.R.A. WAS FOUNDED AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON ON NOVEMBER 4, 1875.

MASS. RIFLE PAST PRESIDENTS

1875 ISAAC H. HAZELTON
1876 HORACE B. SARGENT
1877-1878 CHARLES A. LONGFELLOW
1879-1880 JAMES N. FRYE
1881-1882 LUCIUS L. HUBBARD
1883-1888 HORACE T. ROCKWELL
1889-1890 LUCIUS L. HUBBARD
1891-1892 NATHANIEL C. NASH
1893 HORACE T. ROCKWELL
1894-1895 JABEZ B. FELLOWS
1896-1897 FRANCIS J. RABBETH
1898-1908 DANIEL L.F. CHASE
1909-1911 SAMUEL MERRILL
1912-1916 C.W. HINMAN
1917 DANIEL L.F. CHASE
1918-1920 LOUIS BELL
1921-1922 W.E. FENNEL
1923 J.E. KELLEY
1924 C.G. BILLS
1925 H.H. BENNETT
1926 O.E. GERRISH
1927 W.S. DARLING
1928 F.G. BECKFORD
1929 DR. H.R. BRUNTON
1930 F.E. WHIPPLE
1931-1933 R.J. DWYER
1934-1935 W.S. GIBBONS
1936 R.E. GIBSON
1937-1939 A.P. LAMBERT
1940 JOHN J. MURRAY
1941 GEORGE E. THOMPSON
1942 WALTER S. GIBBONS
1943-1944 JOSEPH F. GALLIGAN

1945 JOHN T. MURRAY
1946-1948 DR. JOSE P. BILL
1949-1957 AUSTIN McHUGH
1958-1959 H.E. NELSON
1960-1964 E.P. MATSON
1965 T. DRISCOLL
1966-1967 R. GRAVES
1968-1969 G. HUTCHINSON
1969-1976 ARTHUR R. WHITE
1977-1979 WILLIAM BUEHLER
1980-1982 ARTHUR R. WHITE
1983-1985 RICHARD T. BOYLE
1986 ROBERT A. RIPLEY
1987-1988 RICHARD T. BOYLE
1989-1994 ROBERT P. SUMMA
1995 JACK LYDON
1996-1998 ROBERT OUELLETTE
1999 ROBERT P. SUMMA



Dr. Charles Chauncy Foster, 1885 member of Mass. militia team, winning the Hilton trophy at Creedmoor. He sponsored and opened the Foster 500 yard, iron sight off-hand match. He was a Life Member of Walnut Hill.



Free Rifle Radio Match, M.R.A. and affiliates vs. Cleveland Schutzen Assoc., Sept. 11, 1938.

Front Row: Mrs. J.W. Cole, A.P. Lambert, J.W. Cole, E.M. Kidder, F.E. Whipple, G.J. Morgan, C.A. Moore, L. Friend, H.J. Robinson, M.W. Lenfest, N.W. Filson, A.L. Elliott, Col. D.M. Stewart, H.L. Griffiths. Back Row: G.G. Gillard, Dr. J.P. Bill, R.J. Thanisch, O.W. Gerrish, R.I. Dwyer, Dr. H.R. Brunton, J.P. Drumgoole, E. Clemons.

